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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DOCKS

FROM MAY 3, 1875, TO APRIL 28, 1876.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 3, 1875.

In compliance with the By-laws and pursuant to a call of the President, for the purpose of electing a President and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Wales.

Mr. Henry F. Dimock, appointed Commissioner of Docks on the 1st instant, for the term of six years from that date, by his Honor the Mayor, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Commissioner Budd, appeared and presented his credentials, and stated that he had taken the oath of office and was prepared to assume the duties of a Commissioner of Docks, and thereupon took his seat as a member of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, Commissioner Dimock was chosen Chairman and called the meeting to order.

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, Commissioner Wales was unanimously elected President of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Commissioner Westervelt be and he is hereby authorized to act as Treasurer pro tem. of the Department and to perform all the duties pertaining to that officer, as specified in the By-laws, and that until the election of a permanent Treasurer that section 3, article 5, of the By-laws, which requires the Treasurer to give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, be and the same is hereby suspended.

Under the requirements of article 3, section 2, the President appointed the following committees for the ensuing year:

Executive Committee—Commissioners Dimock and Westervelt.

Auditing Committee—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 6, 1875.

Present—Commissioner Westervelt.

No quorum present.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 7, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held April 29 and 3d instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the New York Floating Dry Dock Company, to have cost of dredging at slip adjacent to Pier 43, East river, paid by the Department of Docks, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication was received from the Board of Police, requesting that additional dumping-boards be built on the North and East rivers, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report on the matter.

A communication was received from the Board of Police, requesting that dredging be done at various dumping-boards, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to do whatever dredging may be necessary in the slips adjacent to the dumping-boards at Stanton, Twenty-second, Thirty-eighth and Forty-sixth streets, East river, to accommodate the boats of the Street Cleaning Department.

A communication was received from Rufus Darrow in reference to leases of parts of Piers 6 and 7, East river, purchased by him at auction on the 22d ultimo, and stating that the lease of the upper side of Pier 6 and lower side of Pier 7, East river, and bulkhead between said piers had been bought by him at auction, for the sum of $7,950 instead of $8,450, as returned by the auctioneer, and protesting against the leasing of said premises to other parties, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Darrow that the Board declines to accept any other sum for said leases than that for which the same was sold, as shown by the certificate of the auctioneer.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing resignation of John D. Van Buren, Jr., Assistant Engineer, and being read,

On motion, the resignation of John D. Van Buren, Jr., Assistant Engineer, was accepted, to date from April 30, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Van Buren of the high esteem entertained by this Board of the faithful manner in which his duties have been performed while in the service of the Department.

A communication was received from C. H. Marshall & Co., in reference to lighter load of stone sunk in slip between Piers 23 and 24, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Dock Superintendent of the district directed to notify the owners of the stone sunk in said slip to call upon the Commissioners.

A communication was received from the New Haven Steamboat Company, for permission to make landings at the Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from J. J. Yates, for permission to dump rock on block bounded by Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the expediency of granting the request.

A communication was received from Charles H. Haswell, stating that the map showing the pier and bulkhead lines, etc., had not been received by the Board of Underwriters, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to send one of the maps referred to to the Board of Marine Underwriters.

A communication was received from Hanfield & Krack, requesting permission to place a gangway from Pier at Third street to bath moored thereat, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Hanfield & Krack, to place a gangway from the Pier foot of Third street, East river, to the bath-house owned by them, to be moored thereat, provided the consent thereto in writing of the lessee of said pier be first obtained, and filed in this office within ten days from the date hereof.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the cost of repairs to Pier foot of Thirty-eighth street, North river, would cost about the sum of $528.80, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the repairs to the pier in accordance with his report.

A communication was received from the Morris and Cummings Dredging Company, to hire scows not in use by the Department, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the petitioner informed, in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, will loan to them two or more scows at the rate of $5 per day for each scow, they to be responsible for all damage to the property while in use by them, and to file in this office an acceptance in writing of the terms herein fixed.

The petition of the Long Island Railroad Company for permission to erect shed on Pier 43, East river, and the resolution granting the permission asked for was

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the Long Island Railroad Company to erect a shed upon Pier 43, East river, plans for the same to be approved by the Department of Buildings, and to be erected under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department; such shed shall be constructed subject to the regulations and under the authority of the Superintendent of Buildings and the Department of Docks, in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City, and remain during the pleasure of the Board.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending April 26.

From Schuyler Hamilton—In reference to the acceptance of his resignation by the Department.

Agreement between Joseph C. Brady and Patrick H. Lydon, and Patrick H. Lydon and Marshall Lefferts, Jr., in reference to payment on contract for building shed on new Pier 43, North river.

From J. W. Boyle—Agreeing to terms of letter of April 30, in reference to Piers 56 and 57, East river.

From F. W. Lawrence—In reference to supplying Department with cement.

From A. Villarrod—In reference to obtaining information as to operations of Department of Docks.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending May 1.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petitions and communications hereinafter referred to, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following communications and petitions be placed on file, further action on the matters to which they severally relate not being deemed necessary, to wit:

No. 1798. May 14, 1874. Resolution of Legislature—Relative to survey, etc., of waterfront, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

No. 1815. May 28, 1874. Department Public Charities and Correction—Relative to the repairs to the pier at Hart's Island.

No. 1828. June 25, 1874. Building Material Company—To extend bulkhead between Piers 48 and 49, North river.

No. 1893. October 22, 1874. Hanfield & Krack—For use of half of Pier at Third street, East river, for floating bath.

No. 1902. November 19, 1874. John Cain—Relative to premises at foot of Fiftieth street, North river, as dumping-ground.

No. 1905. December 17, 1874. Mortimore Sandford—For lease of Pier Thirty-fourth street, North river, etc.

No. 1914. January 7, 1875. Funch, Edye & Co.—For lease of pier on North river, for Rotterdam steamers.

No. 1919. January 14, 1875. Anchor Line of steamers—For additional wharf accommodations on North river.

No. 1925. January 28, 1875. George Brown—Relative to arrearages of rent on Pier 37, East river, and others.

No. 1926. January 28, 1875. Old Colony Steamboat Company—For lease of proposed new Piers 32 or 33, North river.

No. 1928. January 28, 1875. Engineer-in-Chief—Report on platform proposed at foot of One Hundred and Eleventh street, Harlem river.

No. 1932. February 4, 1875. J. W. Boyle—For lease of upper half of Piers 56 and 57, East river.

No. 1936. February 4, 1875. Commissioners of Pilots—Relative to reappointment of Joseph Conway, Inspector of Dredging.

No. 1939. February 4, 1875. M. Goodwin—For berth on upper side of Pier at Third street, East river.

No. 1944. February 18, 1875. Archibald Baxter & Co.—For wharf facilities for steamers on North or East rivers.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. Lederle, Inspector of sheds building on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, to call upon the Board in reference to the work.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that W. J. Newman be discharged the service, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the Engineer-in-Chief had been authorized to suspend said Newman until action was had by the Board,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the said William J. Newman discharged the service of the Department.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that the Superintendent of Floating Property be placed under his supervision, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, in reference to bills of Callmeyer & Dambmann, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Counsel to the Corporation requested to render his opinion in writing as to the right of the Department to order the material from Callmeyer & Dambmann, and in accordance with the advice given orally to this Department in 1874, prior to the date of the delivery of the material called for.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Commissioner Dimock gave notice in compliance with the requirements of article 17, section 1, that he should offer for adoption at the expiration of one week the following resolutions:

Resolved, That from and after May 15, 1875, the public meeting of this Board be held on Wednesday of each week instead of on Thursday, as at present, and that the Executive Committee meet on Friday of each week instead of on Tuesday as at present; and be it further

Resolved, That article 1, section 2 of the By-laws be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the work "Thursday" and inserting in place thereof the word "Wednesday," and that article 3., section 4, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "Tuesday" and inserting in place thereof the word "Friday."

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 11, 1875.

In executive session.

Present—The full Board.

A communication was received from David Tracy, giving names of bondsmen upon leases of wharf property purchased by him, and being read was,

On motion, laid on the table, and Mr. Tracy notified to have his bondsmen named appear before the Commissioners for examination.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to pay-rolls forwarded for payment without his signature, and being read was,

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

Communication was received from A. M. Pentz, in reference to a surrender of the lease of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, purchased by him March 31, and being read,

On motion, Mr. Pentz was notified that this Department cannot release him from the lease of the pier as purchased by him, but will consent to his transferring the lease to other responsible parties.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the discharge of Richard Moran, and being read was,

On motion, laid on the table.

An application was received from General W. H. Morris, for position of Superintendent of Department Yards, and being read was,

On motion, laid on the table.

The Secretary reporting that on the 30th April, by direction of the Commissioners, the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, lessees of the north half of Pier 14, and bulkhead between, North river, had been notified that on and after the 1st of May, 1875, the rent of the premises had been fixed at $11,000 per annum; and that J. W. Boyle, occupant of upper half of Pier 56 and lower half of Pier 57, East river, with the bulkhead between, had been notified that on and after May 1 the rent of said premises had been fixed at $2,250 per annum; and that the Hartford and New York Steamboat Company, occupants of the east half of Pier 24, East river, had been notified that on and after May 1 the rent of said premises had been fixed at $7,000 per annum; and that the New Haven Steamboat Company, occupants of the west half of Pier 25, East river, and half of the bulkhead between Piers 25 and 24, had been notified that on after May 1 the rent of said premises had been fixed at $5,500 per annum; and that the Maine Steamship Company, occupants of Pier 38, East river, had been notified that on and after May 1 the rent of said premises had been fixed at $5,000 per annum; and that the New York Balance Dock Company, occupants of Piers 40 and 41, and one-ninth part of Pier 42, East river, had been notified that on and after May 1 the rent of said premises had been fixed at $9,500 per annum, all the above subject to the pleasure of the Board, the Department reserving the right to sell the lease of the said premises at public auction, and

free from all claims for damage whatever, said terms to be accepted or rejected on or before May 10, 1875.

The ayes and nays being called on the approval of the action of the Commissioners, their action was approved by the following vote:

Commissioners Wales and Westervelt—aye.

Commissioner Dimock here stated that, although he was in favor of the action taken by the Commissioners, he desired to be excused from voting, he not having been a Commissioner of Docks at the time the action was had.

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, the request of Commissioner Dimock was granted.

An application was received from George M. Smith, for position as Collection Clerk, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the petition of the New Haven Steamboat Company, for permission to make landings at the end of the Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, was taken from the table and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New Haven Steamboat Company, to land passengers at the end of the Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, during the season, at the rate of $75 per month.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, At the sale at auction of leases of piers and wharf property, held on the 31st of March, the lease of the Pier at foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, was bid in by one William H. Morrell, at a rent of $310 per annum, who has neglected and refused to comply with the terms of said sale; and

Whereas, A. L. Soulard, a resident in the vicinity of said pier, has stated his willingness to pay, for the privilege of landing passengers at the end of said pier, the sum of $150 for the ensuing season; be it therefore

Resolved, That in order to accommodate the people residing in the vicinity of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, that permission be and the same is hereby granted to A. L. Soulard, to make landings at the end of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, during the ensuing season; provided he shall, within ten days from the date hereof, file in this Department his written agreement to pay for the privilege hereby granted in the sum of $150 for said season.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, it was

Resolved, That the President of this Board appoint a committee to inquire into and report to this Board upon the service rendered by the several employees of this Department, and of their fitness to discharge the duties assigned to each person so employed; and whether the salaries paid by the Department are, in any case, in excess of the value of the services

rendered; and also to report any changes in the organization of the force of the Department that can be advantageously made.

The President appointed as such committee Commissioners Dimock and Westervelt.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the President was added as a member of said committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 13, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 7th and 11th instants were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Clark & Co.—For permission to erect fences on piers next to Wall, South and other ferries.

From Jeptha B. Parks—For position as Superintendent of Floating Property.

From Finance Department—As to certificate of necessity to be filed in case of purchase of supplies.

A communication was received from Alexander Mason to have dredging done at Piers 19 and 44, East river, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed by the Commissioners to examine and report as to the extent of the dredging necessary to be done,

On motion, the communication was laid on the table until said report shall be received.

A communication was received from the Fire Department in reference to having a berth provided at the Battery for steamer "William F. Havemeyer," and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the President of the Fire Department requested to call on the Commissioners in reference to the same.

A communication was received from Ward, Stanton & Co., offering to furnish propeller wheel 9 feet 6 inches in diameter for tug, at seven and a half cents per pound finished weight, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the proposition had been accepted, and Messrs. Ward, Stanton & Co. directed to deliver the wheel as soon as possible,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from William T. Garner, stating that Department tug "Alert" had damaged small boat belonging to yacht "Magic," and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of Commissioner Westervelt Superintendent Pickering had been directed to have said small boat repaired at a cost of about ten dollars,

On motion, the action of the Commissioner was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from Superintendent Fitzpatrick, in reference to a sign erected on side of Pier 5, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report to the Board as to the facts of the case.

A communication was received from Edwin M. Brown, lessee of piers on East river, to have repairs made and dredging done, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to report to the Board as to the nature of the repairs required to be made and the amount of dredging necessary to be done.

A communication was received from Health Department, to have dock on East river, above Ninety-fifth street, set apart for removal of night-soil, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report to the Board as to the expediency of granting the request.

A communication was received from Joseph C. Brady, contractor, for permit from Department of Public Works to tap Croton water-main, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners application had been made to the Department of Public Works for a permit to enable the contractor to make the necessary connection with the Croton water-main in West street,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Finance—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks May 8.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to condition of bulkhead erected by New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company at Sixty-third street, North river.

From C. H. Marshall & Co.—Stating that stone sunk in slip between Piers 23 and 24, East river, is no longer an obstruction.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports :

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from A. J. Howell, in reference to occupying the north side of Pier at foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, and the said premises having been set apart by this Department for landing material to be used by the Department of Public Parks, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That A. J. Howell be and he is hereby informed, in reply to his communications dated April 10 and 28, 1875, that any vessel having material on board to be used by the City Departments, landing at the north side of Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, will be free from claim for wharfage.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of M. J. Walsh, for permission to erect a solid pier in front of his property and easterly of Corlears street, East river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition of M. J. Walsh, for permission to erect a solid pier in front of his property, easterly of Corlears street, East river, be and the same is hereby denied.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the agreement of Joseph C. Brady, contractor for building shed on new Pier 46, North river, with Marshall Lefferts, Jr., to furnish certain iron material to be used in the construction of said shed, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the agreement made between Joseph C. Brady, contractor for building shed on new Pier 46, North river, and Marshall Lefferts, Jr., for furnishing certain iron material to be used in the construction of said shed, be and the same is hereby placed on file with the contract for building said shed, dated March 22, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

4th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petitions and communications hereinafter referred to, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following communications and petitions be placed on file, further action on the matters to which they severally relate not being deemed necessary, to wit :

December 12, 1874. No. 1908½. Superintendent Lynch—On platform erected at bulkhead between Piers 52 and 53, East river.

January 7, 1875. No. 1915. Thomas J. Madge—For lease westerly half Pier 21, East river, and bulkhead.

February 16, 1875. No. 1945. Engineer-in-Chief—On property return for quarter ending December 31, 1874.

February 17, 1875. No. 1947. Engineer-in-Chief—On condition of Pier at foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river.

March 25, 1875. No. 1947. Engineer-in-Chief—On condition of Piers 6, 7, 8, 12, 38 and 48, East river.

March 25, 1875. No. 1950. Engineer-in-Chief—On repairs required to Piers 12 and 38, East river.

April 8, 1875. No. 1960. Engineer-in-Chief—On cost of laying concrete in blocks and en masse.

April 29, 1875. No. 1966. Counsel to the Corporation—Enclosing leases prepared for David Tracy.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending the discharge of John W. Cooper, Night Watchman, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That John W. Cooper, Night Watchman, be and he is hereby discharged the service of the Department, in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, under date 12th instant.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the manner of issuing requisitions for materials, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A petition was received from Samuel Wilkinson, Inspector of Piles, to have an increase of wages, and being read, was

On motion, the subject was referred to the special committee on organization.

A communication was received from Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to tracings of water-front at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, North river, etc., and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized to permit applicants during office hours access to the maps and tracings belonging to the Department under his charge, when in his opinion the same can be done without detriment to the work under his supervision.

On motion, the communication from Mr. Haswell in reference to the same subject was taken from the table and placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From William Kennelly—In reference to return of auction sale of leases of piers on April 22.

From Finance Department—In reference to charge of $259.31 in bill of McIntyre & Smith.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That under the provisions of section 1 of article 7 of the By-laws the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take charge of all the floating property belonging to the Department, and that he report to this Board as early as practicable the number of persons required in such service.

Resolved, That Thomas Pickering be and he is hereby relieved of the charge and supervision of the floating property belonging to the Department, except to such an extent as the Engineer-in-Chief may direct, and he is hereby directed to report to that officer for further instructions until otherwise ordered by this Board.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the President a communication had been addressed to the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting his opinion as to whether this Depart-

ment, under existing statutes, possesses the authority to make a lease with the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company of the wharf property foot of Grand street, East river, to be used for ferry purposes, or if the lease of the said premises must be put up at public auction,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the Counsel to the Corporation had been advised in reply to his enquiry as to the cost of repairing the damage to Pier 46, East river, in July, 1872, rendered necessary by the breaking down of a portion of the pier in consequence of being overloaded with iron, that the cost of said rebuilding amounted to the sum of $7,751.56, besides the sum of $1,000 estimated as the amount of wharfage which should have accrued for the use of said portion of the pier during the time it was thus rendered unfit for occupancy,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

The President reporting that he had addressed a communication to Senator John A. King in reference to the bill introduced in the Senate, known as Senate Bill No. 258, which proposes to amend an act to prevent encroachments, etc., and to correct the Harbor Commissioners' lines, and that he had explained at length in said communication the impediments which would be thrown in the way of this Department in its work if said bill should become a law, etc., and asked that his action in the premises be approved by the Board,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that on the 30th ultimo, the Department gave notice in writing to the lessees of certain wharf property that they would be allowed the continued occupancy of the premises subject to the pleasure of the Board, the leases of said premises having expired on the 1st instant, and reserving the right to the Department to sell the leases of said property at public auction free from all claim for damages, etc., and fixing the amount of rent to be charged for the premises after the 1st instant, said rent as fixed being an advance upon that stipulated in the lease then terminating, and request his opinion as follows :

1st. As to whether this Department under existing statutes possesses the right to permit the late lessees of the wharf property referred to, to continue their occupancy of the premises during the pleasure of the Board at the same rent as they paid under their leases just expired or upon the advanced rates.

2d. If the construction of the law is such as to require the Department to dispose of unleased wharf property at public auction at a time when in their opinion the season is too far advanced to expect full rates to be paid therefor.

3d. As to whether the written notice (a copy of which was to be enclosed) sent to the late lessees can be construed as to giving them any right to hold over on the leases lately held by them.

Commissioner Dimock submitted the following resolutions, making amendments or alterations to the By-laws, and stated that he should ask a vote on the adoption of the same at the expiration of the week's notice required by section 1 of article 17.

Resolved, That section 2 of article 5, be and the same is hereby stricken out in full and annulled, and that section 3 of said article be and the same is hereby designated as section 2.

Resolved, That the following words be and they are hereby stricken out from section 1 of article 9, to wit: "directed to be made by the Treasurer or in the absence of that officer "by a member of the Board," and that after the words "stores, etc.," in the sixth line of said section 1 of article 9, as printed in the Manual of 1875, the following words be and they are hereby inserted, to wit: "and take such further action in relation thereto as may be neces- "sary to carry out the requirements of section 2 of article 15."

Resolved, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to article 15, to be designated as section 2, and to read as follows, to wit:

"Section 2. All requisitions for material, stores, supplies, etc., or under which any "money is to be expended, shall be prepared by the Bookkeeper under the direction of the "Treasurer, or in his absence of a member of the Board, and shall be signed by the Treas- "urer or the Commissioner acting in his stead, and countersigned by the two other members "of the Board; except that in case of the absence of a member from sickness or other dis- "ability the signature of one member only shall be necessary in countersigning; the Book- "keeper shall then place the requisitions before the President, and all purchases by virtue of "such requisitions shall be made under the supervision of that officer."

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the By-laws and Rules of the Department and to report to the Board such changes as in their opinion can be advantageously made.

The President appointed as such committee Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Friday, 14th instant, at 3 o'clock P.M.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 14, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Dimock and Wales.

Absent—Commissioner Westervelt.

Commissioner Dimock called up for action the resolutions offered by him at the meeting held 7th instant, providing for the amendment of the By-laws so that the public meeting of the Board shall hereafter be held on Wednesday of each week instead of on Thursday, and for the meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday of each week instead of on Tuesday, and the Secretary having stated that one week had expired since the notice of the amendment was given as required by article 17, section 1,

On motion, the said resolutions as recorded on the minutes of said meeting were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 19, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 13th and 14th instants, were read and approved.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that in one-half of the slip adjoining the northerly side of Pier 44, East river, there required to be excavated, in order to give a depth of ten feet at low water, 600 cubic yards, and in slip between Piers 43 and 44, 500 cubic yards, and being read,

On motion, the petition of Alexander Mason, lessee of the above wharf property to have said slips dredged, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to proceed with the work of dredging the slips in accordance with his report.

A communication was received from J. L. Clark, for permission to make landings at Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Captain Jay L. Clark, of the steamboat "Sappho," to make landings at the end of the Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, for the period of eight months from May 1st instant, provided he shall within ten days from the date hereof, file in this Department his written agreement to pay for the privilege hereby granted in the sum of $30 per month.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to refuse material thrown into slips occupied by the White Star Line, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, written notice had been given to the agents of the White Star Line to take such action in the premises as will prevent in future a recurrence of the acts referred to,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

A communication was received from the White Star Line, in reference to placing additional fenders on end of new Piers 43 and 44, North river, to prevent damage being done thereto by Hoboken ferry-boats, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chiet, to examine and report as to the precautions necessary to be taken to prevent damage being done to the ends of said piers by the boats entering the adjoining ferry slip.

A communication was received from Superintendent McDowell, as to repairs needed to Pier 59, East river, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the owners of the upper half of said Pier had been notified to forthwith repair the same,

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and the communication placed on file.

A petition was received I. F. Shortland & Bro., for permission to erect shed on Pier 35½, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock, to examine and report as to the expediency of granting the petition.

A communication was received from S. F. Randolph, as to dredging slip between Piers at Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the petitioner requested to call on the Commissioners in relation thereto.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table and the parties in interest requested to call on the Commissioners.

From Engineer-in-Chief—To repairs required on Piers 60, 62, 65 and at foot of Twenty-eighth street, East river, leased by E. M. Brown.

From Matthew Foster, lessee of Pier 54, North river—To have repairs made, the surface being in a dangerous condition.

Commissioner Westervelt—As to application of Police Department, for additional dumping-boards on North and East rivers.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the subject of the removal of the sign owned by J. J. Austin, from Pier 5, East river, reported that he had examined the premises and as Mr. Austin uses Pier 6 and not Pier 5, he would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That J. J. Austin be and he is hereby directed to forthwith remove the sign owned by him now upon the side of Pier 5, East river, complaint having been made to the Department that said sign is an obstruction to the free use of the pier by the occupants thereof.

A communication was received from J. J. Austin to move sign from Pier 5 to Pier 6, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to J. J. Austin, agent Albany and Canal Line, occupant of part of Pier 6, East river, to place a sign on the lower side of pier at the inner end in such manner as shall not interfere with the free use of the pier, to be erected under the supervision of the Dock Superintendent of the District, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to proposed filling in between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, petitioned for by J. J. Yates, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, to enable the Commissioners to personally examine the premises.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Palisade Ferry Company—In reference to claim for damages sustained at new berth assigned by Department of Docks.

From Old Dominion Steamship Company—For a reduction of rent for platforms used by it at Piers 36 and 37, North river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Tooker & Dailey, contractors—Stating that two scows are now ready for inspection.

From Department of Finance—As to balance of credit of Department of Docks, May 15.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 15th instant.

From Board of Underwriters—Acknowledging receipt of map of water-front.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to damage done to boat of yacht "Magic" by tug "Alert."

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Isaac N. Waterbury, for permission to locate a floating dock on the upper side of Pier 36, East river; and also the protest signed by Lawrence, Sons & Gerrish against the granting of said permission, referred by the Board at meeting held April 8, 1875, and having received a written request from the petitioner for permission to withdraw the said petition, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Isaac N. Waterbury for permission to locate a floating dock on the upper side of Pier 36, East river, be and the same is hereby returned to him as requested 15th instant.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to having modified map of the North river water-front approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and being read was,

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee:

From Engineer-in-Chief—Enclosing bill of Jos. C. Brady, contractor, for building shed on new Pier 43, North river, with his approval.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Enclosing bill of Jos. C. Brady, contractor, for building shed on new Pier 46, North river, with his approval.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to drawings and tracings prepared by the Draughtsmen in his office, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, Hereafter no drawings or tracings shall be made by the Draughtsmen or others in the employ of the Department during office hours except as directed by the Engineer-in-Chief, or in his absence by the Chief Clerk of the Engineer's Department, by the special order of one of the Commissioners of Docks.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to granite coping and headers and stretchers for bulkhead wall, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee, and the Engineer-in-Chief requested to attend.

A petition was received from James G. Coffee for position as Superintendent of Docks, and being read, was,

On motion, referred to the Special Committee on Organization.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the Fire Department had been notified that agreeable to its request a berth for the fire steamer "William F. Havemeyer" had been set apart at the bulkhead north of and adjoining new Pier 1, North river, during the pleasure of the Board,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication from said Department in reference to the subject taken from the table and placed on file.

Specifications and form of contract for making repairs to Pier 38, East river, and foot of Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, North river, as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief were received, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the specification and form of contract, as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief, for making repairs to Pier 38, East river, and at the foot of Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, North river, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary directed to have printed a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals and contract in accordance therewith, and to have the advertisement inviting proposals for said repairs inserted in the newspapers designated by law with as little delay as possible.

The report of the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the repairs necessary to be made to Piers at the foot of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, and Pier 38, East river, under date 12th and 10th April ultimo, were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday, 21st instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn, L. I., to make such repairs to the ferry racks used by them as may from time to time be necessary to keep the same in safe and serviceable condition, the work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Docks for the district.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 21, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

Commissioner Dimock called up for action the resolution offered by him at the meeting held 13th instant, providing for the amendment of the By-laws in reference to the manner which requisitions shall be drawn, and the Secretary having stated that one week had expired since the notice of the amendment was given as required by article 17, section 1,

On motion, the said resolution as recorded on pages 366, 367 and 368 of the minutes of said meeting were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 26, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 19th and 21st instants, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Old Colony Steamboat Company—To erect shed on bulkhead owned by it adjoining north side of Pier 28, North river.

From Peter Charles—To erect platform on south side Pier 39, East river.

A petition was received from W. & A. Holmes & Co., to insert a drain-pipe in the bulkhead at Broome street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to W. & A. Holmes & Co. to insert a drain-pipe in the bulkhead leased and occupied by them adjoining the southerly side of the Pier foot of Broome street, East river, in order to carry off the water from the building on East street 108 feet north of Grand street, the work to be done under the supervision of the Dock Superintendent of the district, and the pipe to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from Alexander Mason, lessee of new Pier 47, North river, to have a slant cut in the end thereof, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report as to the expediency of granting the request and an estimate of the cost of doing the work.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, for permission to place a floating bath at West Eleventh street, North river, and Fifth street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Department of Public Works, in accordance with its application dated 24th instant, to place a free floating bath at the north side of the Pier foot of West Eleventh street, North river, and also one at the foot of Fifth street, East river, said baths to remain during the present season subject to the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from H. W. Mitchell, to have dredging done at south side of Pier foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to dredge the slip adjacent to the south side of the Pier foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, to such depth as will give 10 feet at low water, application having been made by the lessee to have the work done, there being but an average of four feet at medium tide.

A communication was received from Henry Draper, to drive piles in slip between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in order to facilitate the mooring of cattle barges, permission be and the same is hereby granted to Henry Draper on behalf of the Manhattan Market Company, owners of the bulkhead between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, North river, to drive two clusters of piles, about eight in each, and two spring piles in the slip in front of and about 44 feet west of the present bulkhead, the piles to be driven under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, inside of the established bulkhead line, and to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to dredging required by Winch & Kemp, lessees of bulkhead north of and adjoining foot of Gansevoort street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to do such dredging at the bulkhead between Gansevoort street and small pier above, leased by Winch & Kemp, as may be necessary to give a depth of 10 feet at low water, the lessees stating that there is now a depth of but 8 feet, and that a sunken log obstructs the approach to the bulkhead.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the amount of dredging required at piers leased by E. M. Brown on the East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to dredge the slips adjacent to the Pier at the foot of Rivington street, Pier 62, Piers at the foot of Fifth street and Twenty-eighth street, East river, so as to give a depth of 10 feet at low water, as recommended in his report dated 25th instant, said premises having been leased to E. M. Brown.

A communication was received from the Manhattan Gas-light Company, for permission to erect a dumping-board at the bulkhead leased by it at the foot of Fourteenth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Manhattan Gas-light Company, lessees of the bulkhead foot of Fourteenth street, East river, to erect thereon a dumping-board, to facilitate the removal of ashes and refuse from their works, said dumping-board to be erected under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board, provided that during their occupancy of said bulkhead, the said company shall maintain, by dredging at their own cost and expense, a proper depth of water in front thereof.

A communication was received from Superintendent Fitzpatrick, as to repairs needed to Pier 6, East river, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the Commissioners, the repairs had been ordered to be made,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the Commissioners approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Finance—As to amount of credit of Department of Docks, May 22.

From White Star Line—In reference to refuse thrown into their slips complained of by Engineer-in-Chief.

From the "City Record"—Stating that the following papers had been selected for the insertion of public advertisements: "World," "Tribune," "Staats Zeitung," "Express," "Commercial Advertiser," "Sunday Times" and "Sunday News."

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 22d instant.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of John Cain, to erect a bulkhead at north side of foot of Fiftieth street, North river, to be used as a manure dump; and the Engineer-in-Chief having reported, after an examination of the premises, that there were no objections to the proposed construction, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of John Cain, for permission to erect a temporary bulkhead at the north side of the foot of Fiftieth street, North river, to be used for the purposes of a manure dump, be and the same is hereby granted; and that he shall also file his written agreement to remove the said bulkhead or erection, when so directed to do by this Board or its successor, free of any claim of any kind whatsoever against the city in consequence thereof; and that the work of construction will be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, in conformity with his diagram filed in this office.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to pay-rolls being transmitted to the Finance Department for payment without being certified to by him, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bookkeeper be and he is hereby directed to cause all pay-rolls for Laborers, and the monthly pay-rolls for the Engineer's Office to be placed before the Engineer-in-Chief that the same may be examined, and if correct, certified to by that officer, before being audited by the Commissioners.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, relating to the system of the Department in examining bills for materials furnished, etc., and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bookkeeper be and he is hereby directed to cause all bills for materials, supplies, etc., furnished the Department to be presented to the office as soon as prac-

icable after deliveries are made, and that he place all said bills immediately on their receipt efore the Engineer-in-Chief or other proper officer for examination and certification, before eing prepared by him for audit by the Commissioners.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

4th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the application of eptha B. Parks for appointment to the position of Superintendent of Floating Property, and hey recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the application of Jeptha B. Parks for appointment to the position of uperintendent of Floating Property be and the same is hereby referred to the committee on organization appointed at meeting of the Board, held May 11, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

5th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication om Comptroller Green, in relation to a "Certificate of Necessity" being filed prior to any xpenditure for supplies, materials, etc., and the Commissioners having inaugurated a system r such a certificate to be endorsed on each requisition drawn, the Committee recommend the loption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the said communication be and the same is hereby placed on file, further tion thereon not being deemed necessary.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

6th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the application of lark & Co., for permission to erect fences on the piers adjoining certain ferries, and they commend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the application of Clark & Co., for permission to erect fences, to be used r advertising purposes, on the piers adjoining the Pavonia, Cortlandt Street, South and all Street ferries, be and the same is hereby denied ; the premises proposed to be occupied ing in the opinion of this Board under the jurisdiction of the respective ferry companies.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

7th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication m the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the quantity of granite coping to be furnished under e contract with the Hurricane Granite Company, and the said Engineer-in-Chief having en present at the meeting this date and stated that consequent upon changes made in the nstruction of the bulkhead or river wall, the entire quantity of coping estimated to be nished under said contract would not be required, the Committee recommend the adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That Davis Tillson, agent of the Hurricane Granite Company of Rockland, aine, be and he is hereby notified that only 146 pieces of coping of 95 cubic feet each will required by this Board to be furnished under the contract with the said company, dated ptember 30, 1874, instead of 198 pieces as specified in the said contract, being a reduction quantity of 52 pieces of coping.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

Commissioner Westervelt presented the following preamble and resolution for adoption :

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation under date March 16, 1875, rendered his pinion to the effect that this Department has the right to at once proceed with the work of

constructing the bulkhead wall, in accordance with new plans as adopted upon the water-front, on the North river between Spring and Barrow streets, even though the present bulkhead in front of which the proposed improvements are to be built, are claimed as private property; be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to commence with the least possible delay, the work of constructing the new bulkhead wall, in accordance with the plans adopted on that part of the water-front on the North river, situate between Piers 46 and 47, and 47 and 48, and that he also be directed to have the work prosecuted with all the despatch possible, consistent with economy and the proper execution thereof, and to afford every accommodation in his power to the present occupants of the bulkhead in front of which the wall is to be built, while the work is in progress.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the preamble and resolution was referred to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Dimock, to whom was referred the petition of S. F. Shortland & Bro., for permission to erect a shed on Pier 35½, East river, stated that he had made an examination of the premises in question, and there appearing to be in his opinion, no legal or other objection to the granting of the petition, he would recommend for adoption the following resolution, which was

On motion, unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to S. F. Shortland & Bro., to erect upon Pier 35½, East river, leased by them, a shed to be about 150 feet in length and 12 feet in height, and to be used for the protection of freight, the plans for said shed to be approved by the Department of Buildings, and the same to be erected under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department. Such shed shall be constructed subject to the regulations, and under the authority of the Superintendent of Buildings and the Department of Docks, in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City, and remain during the pleasure of the Board.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Treasurer presented the following reports, and the same being read, were

On motion, placed on file, and ordered to be entered in full in the minutes.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Department of Docks, showing the amount of cash receipts from all sources, and the amount of all expenditures from the date of the organization of the Department May, 1870, to April 30, 1875:

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from the Comptroller of the City of New York, being proceeds of sale of Dock Bonds, issued in accordance with the requisitions of the Commissioners of Docks	$2,000,000 00
Amount of requisitions of Commissioners of Docks upon Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, drawn in sums to cover original bills or vouchers forwarded to the Comptroller for payment, after being certified to by the Commissioners of Docks and officers in charge of the several works	2,619,427 [illegible]
	$4,619,427 [illegible]

n other sources, viz.:

ımount received from joint owners of piers and bulkheads, in payment for repairs and rebuilding by Department of Docks	$60,258 19	
›unt received as interest on deposits	18,655 16	
›unt received for privilege of dumping refuse building materials	1,371 30	
›unt received as return premium on insurance	5 19	
›unt received from William Schickel et al., as rental of portion of premises No. 346 Broadway	1,480 07	
›unt received from sale of map showing grants	37 50	
		$81,807 41
		$4,701,235 24

EXPENDITURES.

›unt of cash paid into City Treasury to be placed to the credit of "Dock Fund"		$46,387 83
›unt charged to expense account, as per vouchers on file	$396,413 51	
›unt charged to construction account, as per vouchers on file	4,257,433 90	
›unt charged to contingent fund, as per vouchers on file	1,000 00	
		4,654,847 41
		$4,701,235 24

ddition to the above the Board governing the Department of Docks, acting in a fiduciary capacity, in accordance with subdivision 7, section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, collected dock and slip rents, fines and penalties and proceeds of sales of old material, and deposited the moneys so received with the Chamberlain to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the City debt as follows, viz.:

k and slip rent	$2,257,479 68
:s and penalties	372 00
s of old material	4,339 54
	$2,262,191 22

DOCK BONDS.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have been requested to issue Dock Bonds to the amount of	$5,500,000 00
osited with the Chamberlain to the credit of Dock Fund	46,387 83
	$5,546,387 83
›unt of requisitions upon the Comptroller	4,619,427 83
›unt remaining with Finance Department to Credit Department of Docks	$926,960 00

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JACOB A. WESTERVELT, Treasurer pro tem.

W. W. BURNHAM, Bookkeeper.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Department of Docks, showing the amount of cash receipts from all sources and the amount of all expenditures from May 1 to May 25, 1875, inclusive:

1875. May 1.		
Amount remaining with the Finance Department to the credit of the Department of Docks		$926,960 00
Deposited with Chamberlain to credit of Dock Fund		7 39
		$926,967 39
Disbursements—Amount charged to construction account, viz.:		
Pay-rolls of Dock-builders and Laborers, Stone-cutters, Scowmen, Watchmen, etc., forwarded to Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, for payment:		
For two weeks ending May 1, 1875	$15,447 00	
For two weeks ending May 15, 1875	14,706 74	
		$30,153 74
May 25.		
Amount remaining with Finance Department to credit Department of Docks.		$896,813 65
In addition to the above, the Board governing the Department of Docks, acting in a fiduciary capacity, in accordance with subdivision 7, section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, collected dock and slip rents and proceeds of sales of old material, and deposited the moneys so received with the Chamberlain to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt, viz.:		
Dock and slip rent	$91,008 08	
Sales of old material	213 60	
		$91,221 68

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JACOB A. WESTERVELT, Treasurer pro tem.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, requesting that statement be furnished as to expenditures under head of "Repairs and Supplies;" and being read, and the Secretary presenting a statement containing the information desired,

On motion, the same was directed to be forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief, and his communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to preparing specifications for proposals for furnishing cement, as the Department has now on hand less than 5,000 barrels; and that the works will soon require a supply of from 150 to 250 barrels per day; and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to at once prepare and forward to this Board a form of specifications for proposals for furnishing this Department with 5,000 barrels of English Portland cement.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That leases for the following piers and bulkheads, for the term of one year om June 1, 1875, containing the usual covenants and conditions, be disposed of at public ıction to the bidder who shall offer, as rent therefor, the largest sum over and above the nounts as fixed herein for each separate parcel of wharf property.

Upper half of Pier 6 and lower half of Pier 7, East river, and bulkhead between said piers : $7,500.

Upper half of Pier 7, East river, $4,500.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That leases for the following piers and bulkheads for the term of three years ɔm June 1, 1875, containing the usual covenants and conditions, be disposed of at public ıction to the bidder who shall offer, as rent therefor, the largest sum over and above the nounts as fixed herein for each separate parcel of wharf property, and those parcels not nited to be sold without reserve :

Upper half of Pier 18, East river, $7,000.

Bulkhead between Piers 18 and 19, East river.

Outer half of Pier 22, East river, $2,500.

211 feet of outer end of west side of Pier 23, East river, $2,000.

Upper half of Pier 58 and half of bulkhead between Piers 58 and 59, lower half of Pier 59 .d half of bulkhead between Piers 58 and 59, East river, $1,500.

Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, reserving outer end and 200 feet of inner end, ɜst side, $1,500.

Bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river, reserving por- ɔn occupied by ferry, $1,000.

Pier at One Hundred and Ninth street, Harlem river, $750.

Bulkhead at One Hundred and Twentieth street, Harlem river, $500.

Bulkhead at Second avenue and Harlem river, $250.

South half of Pier 22 and bulkhead between Piers 21 and 22, North river, $2,000.

Bulkhead adjoining Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to make arrangements with William Kennelly, ıctioneer, for the sale of the above leases, and cause notice of said proposed sale to be serted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be and they are hereby authorized and npowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may ɜ disposed of, when prepared in proper form, and approved by the Counsel to the orporation.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 2, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held May 26 were read and approved.

A petition was received from Charles E. Appleby to build a stone bulkhead and fill-in the water-front at Fifty-seventh street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, to examine and report as to the expediency of granting the petition.

A communication was received from the Health Department, to have Pier at One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, extended thirty feet, for use of night-soil boat, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, to examine and report if the premises cannot be made available for said night-soil boat if dredging be done in the slip adjacent to said pier.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that two scows be received from Tooker & Dailey, contractors, and being read,

On motion, said scows were accepted, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to assume charge of the same, and his report referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending the discharge of John F. Brogan, Quarterman, and being read,

On motion, the said John F. Brogan was discharged, in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction, to have spring piles placed at the docks used by it, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause eleven spring piles to be placed at dock foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river; nine at the Charity Hospital Dock; two at the Workhouse Dock, at Blackwell's Island; four at the dock at Hart's Island, and two at the dock at Randall's Island, petitioned for by the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

A communication was received from the Board of State Harbor Commissioners of California, enclosing maps and requesting that it be furnished with rules, etc., adopted by this Department, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, to furnish this Board with such data as he may have, in order that the same may be transmitted to said Commissioners.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of repairs to be made to Pier 6, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to sheath the surface of Pier 6, East river, for an area of 30 feet by 80 feet, at a cost of about $300, as recommended in his report of May 29.

A petition was received from E. W. Jacobs for permission to insert drain pipe in bulkhead pposite No. 32 West street, and enclosing consent of owners, and being read, was,

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to E. W. Jacobs to insert a ε-inch drain pipe from the house No. 32 West street, through the bulkhead adjoining Pier 5, orth river, he having filed in this office the consent of the owner of said bulkhead, permitting id work to be performed, provided the work is done in a manner satisfactory to said owner, ıd all damage sustained to said street or bulkhead be repaired to the satisfaction of said vner, the said pipe to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A petition was received from John J. Gasson, Jr., to place a floating boat-house on Harlem ver foot of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report with a diagram of e premises, as to the expediency of granting the petition.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the President :

From the Engineer-in-Chief—As to orders of Pilot Commissioners prohibiting the dump-ɜ of dredged material except at Staten Island ground.

From the Engineer-in-Chief—As to cost of repairs to be made to Piers 62, 65 and foot of wenty-eighth street, East river, leased to E. M. Brown.

From Levi Kerr—For consent to a transfer of lease of Pier foot of Ninety-sixth street, orth river, and to have pier repaired, etc.

Reports were received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to patterns at works of Cobanks & heall belonging to the Department, and as to alterations of plans to determine position of :w Pier 33, North river, building of sewers, etc., and being read, were,

On motion, laid on the table.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to cost of repairing Pier foot of 'hirty-seventh street, East river, and being read, was,

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company in eference to obstructions, etc., placed by city railroads on front of ferry premises foot of Christopher street, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to call upon the Counsel to the Corporation and olicit his opinion as to the rights of the Department of Docks in the premises.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file :

From Jay L. Clark—Accepting terms fixed for landing at Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river.

From Commissioner Westervelt, Treasurer pro tem.—As to receipts and disbursements from May 26 to June 1.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing forms of specifications and contract of proposals for furnishing 5,000 barrels of English Portland cement, and being read,

On motion, the form of specification and contract was approved, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That proposals be invited for furnishing this Department with 5,000 barrels of Portland cement, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have printed a sufficient number of forms of proposals, and a proper advertisement therefor inserted in the papers designated by law.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reorganization, appointed pursuant to resolution adopted May 11, 1875, presented the following report :

We have had under consideration the various matters embraced in the resolution, and are of opinion that every branch of this Department needs reorganization, and that considerable retrenchments can be made in all.

It is our purpose in subsequent reports to cover this whole field, and to endeavor to bring about such reorganization as shall add materially to the efficiency of every branch of the service, while securing at the same time a much higher degree of economy.

The report hereby submitted is thus only a partial one.

We shall endeavor to base our reforms on the following ideas, viz. : The abolishment of all positions where the duties are slight or where the labor performed can be delegated to some other official already in existence, the reduction to the lowest point compatible with efficiency of all remaining positions, and such changes in the rate of compensation as shall in some cases more nearly correspond with prices paid for similar service in private employ.

It is our purpose to reduce the general expenses of the Department, clerical, supervisory and others, to the end that we may apply all our expenditures, so far as may be, to pushing forward with greatly increased vigor the work on the wharves and bulkhead.

We are profoundly convinced that all the money expended in this way, if represented by something approaching the same amount of honest result and judicious supervision as are secured by private parties in their undertakings, will be the best investment for this city, both in the immediate pecuniary sense of large return, and in the indirect benefit to the city of improved commercial facilities.

The Department now employs four Collectors of Wharfage at $2,500 per annum, each, and the city is divided into four districts, one being assigned to each collector.

We find also that for another purpose the city is divided into nine districts, over each one of which is appointed an officer styled a Dock Superintendent ; each of these officials receives $2,000 per annum.

Their chief duties so far as they are important or are not—more appropriately performed by some other official already in existence—are to see that no unauthorized structures or encroachments of any kind are being erected or are taking place, and that no violations of the law are being made.

To any one familiar with the nature of these duties and their extent, it will be evident that four of these Dock Superintendents can perform all the duties of the kind indicated, in the whole city, and at the same time make such collections of wharfage in their districts as may accrue.

The duties devolved on the Dock Superintendents of making collections in their districts will be a trifling addition to their labors, for the duties of the Collector, never, in our judgment, very onerous, have been reduced within a few months by the lease of several piers belonging to the city.

We, therefore, recommend that the office of Collector be abolished, and that the number of Dock Superintendents be reduced to four, and that each Dock Superintendent act also as collector in his district.

The saving in salaries effected in this way amounts to twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) per annum.

We find that there has been organized what may be termed a kind of bureau, charged with the care of the floating property of the Department, presided over by a Superintendent of Floating Property, at a salary of $2,500 per annum. The floating property under his charge consists of three (3) tugs, four (4) dredges, with the scows necessary for them, and nine (9) pile-drivers.

Wherever the pile-drivers are in use they are, or should be, under the direction of the Engineer or Dock-builder in charge of the work on which they are engaged ; the dredges and scows are, or should be, when employed, under the direction of the Superintendent of the work employing them, and the tugs are used for the necessary movement of these classes of property.

Under such circumstances it would seem evident, that the general charge of all this kind of property should be with the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, who is the responsible head of all work carried on.

Under his order, and with proper regulations, the captain of the dredges might be held responsible for the proper care and supervision of the dredges and scows, and so with the balance of the floating property, turning it over to the proper parties already in existence, and naturally having charge of it.

We recommend that the position of Superintendent of Floating Property be abolished.

This will effect an additional saving of $2,500 per annum.

At a consultation between all the Departments of the City Government, employing labor, within a few days, it was decided to fix the rate paid to ordinary unskilled labor, at twenty (20) cents per hour.

This arrangement met the hearty approval of this Department, and we have fixed upon that price.

It is a reasonable estimate that this will effect a reduction of expense in this Department of at least $50,000 per annum on the basis of the same amount of work performed.

When we have adjusted the various branches of skilled labor, to a fair relation as to price with that now fixed for unskilled labor, the saving will be largely increased.

We are thus able to report an annual reduction of expenses in the branches of the Department covered by this report of $72,500 per annum, on the basis of the same amount of work performed.

We ask a continuation of the Committee in the confident belief that further large economies can be introduced, and that the Department can be further reorganized in a manner to give greatly added efficiency to its operations.

(Signed) H. F. DIMOCK, Chairman Committee.
(Signed) JACOB A. WESTERVELT.
(Signed) S. H. WALES.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolutions were,

On motion, unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That Jacob Ramsay, John M. Costa, James E. Swartwood and John R. Richardson, Collection Clerks in the employ of this Department, be and they are hereby notified that their services will cease on and after 16th June instant, the office of Collection Clerk to be abolished on the 15th of this month.

Resolved, That John Richardson, Thomas Brown, Thomas McDowell, William B. Finley and George W. Lynch, Superintendents of Docks in the employ of this Department, be and they are hereby notified that their services will cease on and after 16th June instant, the districts into which the water-front of the City is divided having been reduced from nine to four.

Resolved, That Thomas Pickering, Superintendent of Floating Property, be and he is hereby notified that his services in this Department will cease on and after 16th June instant, the office of Superintendent of Floating Property to be abolished on the 15th of this month.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the Engineer-in-Chief had been advised that on and after June 1st instant, the rate of wages to be paid for unskilled labor had been fixed at twenty cents an hour,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, for permission to erect a bulkhead and fill-in in front of premises owned by said company and others, between Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets, North river, and the Committee being informed that the proposed work is for the purpose of further extending the terminal improvements of said company, authorized to be made under resolution adopted by the Board of Docks, at meeting held May 28, 1874, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the purpose of enabling the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to construct terminal improvements and accommodations for their business, additional to those provided for under resolution adopted by this Board under date of May 28, 1874, that permission be and the same is hereby granted to the said company to fill in and reclaim the land under water in front of the premises owned by them, between the centre line of Fifty-ninth street and the centre line of Sixtieth street, North river, and to the Union Stock Yard and Market Company, to fill in and reclaim the land under water in front of the premises owned by them, between the centre line of Fifty-eighth street and the centre line of Fifty-ninth street, North river, and to erect, free of cost and expense to the City, and under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, a good and substantial

bulkhead, beginning at the terminus of the present bulkhead, just north of Sixtieth street, North river, and on the westerly line of the proposed Twelfth avenue, and extending along the said westerly line southerly to the said centre line of Fifty-eighth street, North river, thence easterly along the said centre line for about 250 feet, or such distance as may be necessary to make the proposed improvements and secure the said filling-in by a proper return bulkhead, provided that the said companies shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice, file in this office a written agreement to construct the said bulkhead in accordance with the plans provided for the construction of the bulkhead north of Sixtieth street, and which plans were approved by this Board, and to surrender such portion of said bulkhead as shall be at the foot of Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, North river, free of all claims against the City of any kind whatsoever, upon written notice three months previously given, that it is the desire of the Department or its successor to make use of the said bulkhead at the foot of said streets ; and further agree that any and all streets or avenues laid out on the map of the city and constructed under the above permission to fill in will be opened as public highways whenever the said companies or their successors shall be so directed to do by the proper city authority, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever against the Corporation, either for cost of improvements thereon or damage thereto or otherwise ; and further that it is understood and agreed that the permission and privileges hereby granted shall not be considered or construed as vesting in either of the said companies or their respective successors any other right or title to or in the said premises to be improved than the said companies may now be legally possessed of by virtue of three certain water grants made by the Mayor, etc., as follows :

To Lebbens B. Ward, dated 4th September, 1852, recorded in Liber 623, page 33 ; to Andrew Carrigan, dated 4th September, 1852, recorded in Liber 619, page 264, and to Andrew Carrigan, dated 3d May, 1869, recorded in Liber 1102, page 159, all as per records in Register's Office.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent Smith having reported that the dumping-board at Laight street was in need of repairs,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to sheath the surface of the middle gangway or approach to dumping-board at foot of Laight street, North river, with four-inch spruce plank, at a cost of about $200.

Superintendent Fitzpatrick having reported that repairs were needed to the surface of Pier 23, East river,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to plank or sheath the western half of Pier 23, East river, with four-inch spruce plank, for a distance of about 212 feet, commencing at the outer end, at a cost not to exceed $750.

The President reporting that upon a requisition from the Engineer-in-Chief he had ordered of J. Bigler & Co. 35,000 feet of white pine timber, of dimensions 12 inches by 12 inches, the material being required for immediate use in the construction of the new work,

On motion, the action of the President was unanimously approved.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee :

From Engineer-in-Chief—Enclosing copies of communication sent by him to the New York "Tribune," etc.

From P. J. Congdon, Stone-cutter—To be employed by the Department.

From National Steamship Company—In reference to width of proposed slips to be occupied by them.

Commissioner Dimock submitted the following resolutions making alterations or amendments to the By-laws, and stated that he should ask a vote on the adoption of the same at the expiration of the week's notice required by section 1, article 17.

Resolved, That article 12 of the By-laws, in relation to Collection Clerks and their duties, be and the same is hereby stricken out in full and annulled, and that section 1 of article 13 be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Collection Clerks," as they occur on the last line of page 29 of the Manual.

Resolved, That article 8 of the By-laws in relation to floating property and the duties of the Superintendent thereof, be and the same is hereby stricken out and annulled.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 5, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have examined the following bills or claims of Robert Boyd, assignee of contract of Joseph C. Brady, and finding them correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment:

Robert Boyd, assignee of contract of Joseph C. Brady, first payment being one-third, less 15 per cent., building shed on Pier 43, North river.....	$11,129 33
First payment being one-third, less 15 per cent., building shed on Pier 46, North river.....	8,500 00
Total.....	$19,629 33

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 9, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held June 2 and 5 were read and approved.

A communication was received from Dillon Ransom, for an extension of his lease of steps at Harlem Bridge expiring February 1, 1876, and being read,

On motion, the request of the petitioner was denied, the lease of said steps being disposable only at public auction.

A communication was received from the Palisades Ferry Company, to erect shed on outer end of Pier 42, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Palisades Ferry Company, to erect upon Pier 42, North river, a shed to be 40 feet in length, 30 feet in width and 16 feet in height, to be used for the protection of passengers and merchandise; such shed shall be constructed subject to the regulations and under the authority of the Superintendent of Buildings and the Department of Docks, in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from the Morrisania Steamboat Company, in reference to landings made at outer end of Pier 55, East river, by Harlem and New York Navigation Company; and being read, and the Superintendent of said last named company stating that the boats of said company would not in future make landings at said pier,

On motion, the communication was placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform the Morrisania Steamboat Company of the intention of said New York and Harlem Navigation Company in reference to landing at said pier.

A communication was received from the New York and Harlem Navigation Company, requesting that leases of Pier foot of One Hundred and Ninth street, and bulkhead at One Hundred and Twentieth street, Harlem river, be not sold at auction; and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed not to include the lease of said pier and bulkhead in the proposed sale to be held 10th instant.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, to have piles placed to protect baths at West Eleventh street, and Fifth street, East river; and being read,

On motion, the communication was referred to Commissioner Westervelt, to arrange for having the work done.

A communication was received from the Department of Finance, in reference to certain bills requiring certificate of necessity to be attached; and being read, and the Secretary reporting that the certificate had been attached as requested, and said bills returned to the Finance Department,

On motion, the communication was placed on placed on file and the action taken in reference thereto approved.

A communication was received from John Cain, to have resolution adopted 26th May modified in reference to his obtaining consent to erection of bulkhead foot of Fiftieth street, North river; and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to examine the grants issued, if any, and ascertain if the premises lying under water at the north side of Fiftieth street, North river, is the property of the city or not.

A communication was received from E. Marcus, in reference to purchasing empty cement barrels, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, to confer with the petitioner.

A communication was received from C. L. Wright & Co., for permission to erect shed on Pier 44, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock to examine and report.

A communication was received from M. G. Lane, in reference to the occupancy of bulkhead at the head of Second avenue and Harlem river, occupied by him, and the condition of the premises, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Mr. Lane requested to call at the Department in reference to his communication.

A communication was received from J. D. & T. E. Crimmins, to erect a retaining wall on East river, between Fifty-seventh and Sixtieth streets, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Slater & Reid—Offering to do smith work for Department.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending May 29.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending June 5.

From Department of Finance—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks, May 29.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to railroad tracks laid down in front of ferry buildings foot of Christopher street, North river.

Report of Treasurer from 1st to 8th June.

A report was received from the Auditing Committee, showing an audit of sixty-five bills amounting in the whole to the sum of $33,312.47, the principal items being $1,332.95 for coal, $7,944.85 for broken stone and rip-rap, $7,176.00 for cement, $6,914.60 for two deck scows, $943.76 for carpentering at office, $736.75 for painting, etc., and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That George W. Quintard, President of the New York and Charleston Steamship Company, occupants of Pier 29, North river, and Borden & Lovell, agents of the Old Colony Steamboat Company, occupants of Pier 28, North river, be and they are hereby

nformed that this Department will cause the slip between said piers to be dredged, so as to ;ive a depth of water therein at low tide of 18 feet, the work to commence on or about the :1st instant, provided they shall first file in this office their agreement to pay to this Depart- nent one-half the cost of doing the work, each of them paying one quarter of the whole xpense incurred.

Commissioner Wales, to whom was referred the communication from the Engineer-in- Chief, as to the orders of the Commissioners of Pilots refusing permits to deposit dredged naterial, except at the Staten Island ground, reported that he had conferred with said Pilot Commissioners and learned from them that no permits had been or would be issued to private arties to deposit material up the Hudson river, and if any parties had made deposits there, : was unlawful and against their express orders, and laid themselves liable to heavy fines.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the communication from the Engi- eer-in-Chief in reference thereto placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt presented the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to take ich legal proceedings as may be necessary to acquire for the City, the title to the premises nown as Pier 44, North river, the same being required by this Department in the prosecution f its work on that part of the water-front, in conformity with the new plans adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the resolution was referred to the Executive Com- ittee.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that length of ier 1, North river be reduced to 425 feet, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to the case of Charles H. Otto, lately in the nploy of the Department.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to bill of Cobanks & Theall, for thirty cents, having been aid by Captain Pickering personally.

From Thomas Pickering—In reference to his position as Superintendent of Floating roperty.

A communication was received from Charles K. Graham, Engineer-in-Chief, offering his esignation, to take effect immediately, and being read,

On motion, said resignation was accepted.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That from and after this date and until further ordered, the following officers e and they are hereby placed in charge of the works opposite their respective names, to wit:

John Mechan, First Assistant Engineer, in charge of new Pier 1, North river.

James Guthrie, Superintendent of Construction, in charge of all general repairs.

C. B. Kid, Assistant Engineer (Mechanical), in charge of Canal and King street sections.

William W. Maclay, Assistant Engineer, in charge of Department Yards.

—and that said officers be and they are hereby directed to address all communications and make all reports direct to the Board through the Clerk to the Engineer-in-Chief, and further, to report without delay what reduction, if any, may be advantageously made in the force employed by the Department on the works under their respective supervision.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That from and after 14th instant the rate of wages to be paid by this Department to Dock-builders be and the same is hereby fixed at thirty cents per hour, and that should the men so employed elect to work ten hours per day they will be permitted so to do.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, it was

Resolved, That John Butler, of No. 301 East Forty-second street, be and he is hereby appointed a Superintendent of Docks, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John McKewen.

A petition was received from the Morrisania Steamboat Company, to have spiles replaced at dock foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt with the request that he give the proper direction for having the work done.

Commissioner Dimock called up for action the resolutions offered by him at the meeting held 2d instant, providing for the amendment of the By-laws in reference to Superintendent of Floating Property and Collection Clerks and their duties, and the Secretary having stated that one week had expired since the notice of the amendment was given as required by article 17, section 1,

On motion, said resolution, as recorded on pages 422 and 423 of the minutes of said meeting, were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 11, 1875.

Present—The full Board and the Comptroller.

Five proposals were received from the following named parties, for making repairs to the Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river :

T. & A. Walsh	$3,679 00
F. M. Schwab	6,300 00
James D. Leary	4,474 00
Dailey & Cronin	4,847 00
John Monks	4,938 00

Three proposals for making repairs to Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, from the following named parties:

T. & A. Walsh	$2,479 00
James D. Leary	3,994 00
Dailey & Cronin	4,433 00

Four proposals were received for making repairs to Pier 38, East river, from the following named parties:

T. & A. Walsh	$2,314 00
Daniel Dailey	3,449 00
James D. Leary	2,692 00
F. Schwab	4,200 00

—and being read was,

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 11, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the proposals for making repairs to Piers at Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, North river, and 38, East river, and the Comptroller having advised that T. & A. Walsh are not in arrears or in default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contracts for repairing Piers at the foot of Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, North river, and 38, East river, be and the same are hereby awarded to Thomas Walsh and Augustine Walsh, composing the firm of T. & A. Walsh, of 77 South street, their bids for doing said work being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on June 11, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contracts for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the report it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 15, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have examined the following claims or bills of James Bigler: yellow pine plank, $693.45; yellow pine timber, $596.51; yellow pine timber, $826.41, amounting to $2,116.37 and finding them correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same together with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 16, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 9th, 11th and 15th instant, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the resolution presented to the Board at meeting held May 26, 1875, whereby the Engineer-in-Chief is to be directed to proceed without delay with the construction of the bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47, and 47 and 48, North river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution referred to above and as recorded in the Book of Minutes No. 8, folios 394 and 395, together with the preamble thereto be and the same is hereby adopted, the work to be done by the force of the Department.

Resolved, That Assistant Engineer Kid be and he is hereby placed in charge of the said work during the continuance of the vacancy now existing in office of Engineer-in-Chief.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration, the application of the Old Dominion Steamship Company for a reduction of rent now being paid the Department for the platforms erected between Piers 36 and 37, and Piers 37 and 38, North river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rent to be paid this Department by the Old Dominion Steamship Company for the use of the land under water covered by platforms erected by virtue of resolutions adopted by this Board, at meetings held 20th of February and 21st July, 1873, between Piers 36 and 37, and 37 and 38, North river, be and the same is hereby reduced from and after 1st July, 1875, from the sum of $3,850 per annum to $2,500 per annum, such reduction being in the opinion of this Board just and equitable, in view of the fact that the bulkheads in front of which said platforms are erected being private property, require a further outlay of moneys for rent thereof, thereby making the whole sum to be paid by the said company for

wharf accommodations not only exorbitant but onerous, particularly at this time of general stagnation in the business of said company.

The ayes and nays being called for on the adoption of said report, it was adopted by the following vote:

Commissioners Wales and Dimock—aye.

Commissioner Westervelt—nay.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Peter Charles, to erect a platform on the southerly side of Pier 39, East river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Peter Charles, lessee of Pier 39, East river, and the bulkhead adjoining the southerly side thereof, to drive piles and erect thereon a platform in front of the northerly end of said bulkhead, and adjoining the inner end of said southerly side, and to be about 50 feet square, with the privilege to construct on said platform a shed for the protection of goods and merchandise, provided that the said Peter Charles shall first, and within ten days after receipt of this notice, file in this office the written consent of the owner or owners of the said pier and bulkhead, and of the occupant of Pier 38, East river, to the said improvements being made, and shall also file his written agreement to pay as rent for the land under water to be covered by said platform, the sum of $400 per annum, payable in equal quarterly payments on the usual quarter days; to erect all of the said improvements upon plans to be submitted to, and approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to do the work under the supervision of that officer; and to construct said shed subject to the regulations, and under the authority of the Superintendent of Buildings and the Department of Docks, in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City, and further, to remove all of said improvements when so ordered to do by this Board or its successor, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever against the City for damage or otherwise.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

4th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of John D. & Thomas E. Crimmins, to erect retaining or bulkhead wall between Fifty-seventh and Sixtieth streets, East river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That John D. & Thomas E. Crimmins, contractors, be and they are respectfully informed that Regulation 12, on page 37 of the Manual of 1875 of the Department, requires that petition for permission to erect a retaining or bulkhead wall between Fifty-seventh and Sixtieth streets, East river, must be made by the parties in interest.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

5th The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Michael McGier, for lease of Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Michael McGier to occupy and use that portion of the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, as shall not be required by the Police Department, provided that he shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice file in this office his written agreement to pay as rent therefor the sum of $550 per annum, payable quarterly on the usual quarter days; to occupy said premises for the purpose of landing manure thereat only, and to surrender the same when so directed

to do by this Board or its successor, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever against the City for damage or otherwise.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

6th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the oral statement of Charles H. Mallory & Co., lessees of Pier 20, East river, relative to the manner in which the occupants of the bulkhead between said pier and Pier 21, East river, permit vessels to lay thereat end on, instead of broadside, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the occupants of the bulkhead between Piers 20 and 21, East river, be and they are hereby respectfully notified that in the opinion of this Board, the lessees of the easterly half of Pier 20 are justly entitled to collect one-half of all wharfage which may accrue and become due from any ship or other vessel which may moor in front of the said bulkhead, and alongside of a vessel made fast to the easterly side of the said Pier 20.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From E. Marcus—In reference to furnishing cement to Department.

From Neidlinger, Schmidt & Co.—To erect grain elevator on their bulkhead between Sixty-second and Sixty-fourth streets, East river.

From Suburban Gas-light Company—To erect dock on their property on Bronx river.

A communication was received from the Board of Police, in reference to repairs and improvements needed to various dumping-boards on North and East rivers, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to have the minor repairs made to the various dumping-boards, and report what improvements or alterations can be advantageously made to afford the Bureau of Street Cleaning facilities adequate for the business.

A communication was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company for permission to extend their platform between Piers 58 and 59, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Knickerbocker Ice Company, lessee of the lower half of Pier 59, East river, and half of the bulkhead Piers 58 and 59, to extend the platform now on portion of said bulkhead about 25 feet, said platform to be used for the landing of ice, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from the Morrisania Steamboat Company, in reference to repairs needed to surface of Pier 22, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report as to the repairs necessary to be made to the pier.

Communications were received from the New York and Baltimore Transportation Line, for permits to retain sheds and offices on Piers 6 and 7, North river, and bulkhead adjoining, and being read, were

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York and Baltimore Transportation Line, to retain during the pleasure of the Board the sheds and

offices at present erected, situate on the north side of Pier 6, North river, and on Pier 7 and bulkhead adjoining, occupied by said line, and that permits therefor in the usual form be prepared and signed by the Commissioners.

A communication was received from C. B. Kid, Assistant Engineer, as to amount of dredging required between Piers 46 and 48, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That C. B. Kid, Assistant Engineer, be and he is hereby directed to at once commence the work of dredging between Piers 46 and 47, and 47 and 48, North river, on the line of the new bulkhead wall, in accordance with his report, under date June 15, instant.

A communication was received from Department of Public Charities and Correction, to have dock erected on East river, between Fifty-second and Eighty-fourth streets, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President to examine and report.

A report was received from Robert P. Staats, surveyor, as to the petition of J. J. Glasson, Jr., to place boat-house at foot of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, Harlem river, and being read,

On motion, the petition of J. J. Glasson, Jr., was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John J. Glasson, Jr., to place at the foot of One Hundred and Fifteenth street, Harlem river, a floating boat-house about 30 feet in length and 20 feet in width, and retain the same during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from F. Spies & Co., offering 500 barrels of Portland cement to the Department at $3.80 per barrel, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform Messrs. Spies, that the Department will receive proposals on the 21st, for furnishing cement, and that it has enough on hand for immediate use.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From S. A. Frost—In reference to repairs being made to south side of Pier 23, East river, by Department.

From Borden & Lovell—Agreeing to pay their proportion of cost of dredging slip between Piers 28 and 29, North river.

From William Kennelly—As to leases of piers sold at auction, 10th instant.

From W. O. Stoddard—As to soundings ordered to be made in slip adjoining Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river.

From T. & A. Walsh—Accepting award of contract for making repairs to Piers 22 and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, North river, and 38, East river.

From Finance Department—Returning bills for certificate of necessity.

From G. W. Morton and others, Committee—In reference to rate of wages paid laborers.

From Finance Department—Stating balance to credit of Department of Docks.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments from 8th to 16th June.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during the week ending June 12.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from Handren & Ripley, in reference to placing propeller wheel on tug "Manhattan," and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to request Messrs. Ward, Stanton & Co., makers of said propeller wheel, to call upon the Commissioners.

A communication was received from Betts & Robinson, in reference to sale of bulkhead on North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform Messrs. Betts & Robinson that the Counsel to the Corporation had rendered an opinion to this Department to the effect that it can proceed at once with its contemplated improvements without making any compensation to those owning grants from the city along the line of the improvements, even though the rights and privileges of such owners will be thereby destroyed.

A report was received from Superintendent Pickering, stating that repairs are necessary to tug "Louis" to check leakage, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Assistant Engineer Kid directed to examine and report as to what repairs are required to be made.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From John Taylor Johnston—To have water-front between Piers 48 and 49, North river, assigned to use of Central Railroad of New Jersey.

From John G. Dale—Offering to sell Pier 44, North river, for sum of $275,000.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Committee on Organization.

From John Mechan, Assistant Engineer—As to reduction of force at Pier 1, North river.

From Warren Rosevelt—For position as Superintendent of Construction.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file:

From Thomas Pickering—For position as Superintendent of Department Yards.

From Superintendent Pickering—As to repairs needed to tug "Alert."

From Superintendent Pickering—Stating that tug "Manhattan" is laid up for repairs.

From Superintendent Pickering—In reference to quality of manila rope furnished for use of scows.

From George W. Lynch—For position in Department of Docks.

The petition of Stephen Smith for permission to erect a bulkhead and fill in in front of his property between Fourth and Fifth streets, East river, was read and the Counsel to the

Corporation having rendered his opinion under date May 26 and June 12, stating that the petitioner is possessed of the title to the premises in question, and said opinions having been duly considered,

On motion, they were placed on file and the following preamble and resolution unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has, under date of May 26 and June 12, 1875, rendered to this Board his opinion that Stephen Smith is the owner of the land under water between Fourth and Fifth streets, East river, out to the line of the westerly side of Tompkins street extended, be it therefore,

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Stephen Smith to erect at his own cost and expense a good and substantial bulkhead between Fourth and Fifth streets, East river, on the line of the westerly side of Tompkins street, extended, in front of land owned by him and to fill in behind said bulkhead when completed with solid filling, provided that proper precautions shall be taken by him to prevent the filling from pressing against or otherwise damaging the pier owned by the City at the foot of Fifth street, it being understood that should the City at any time require any portion of the premises so filled in for the new river street, as at present laid down upon the plans adopted by this Department, no claim for damages or otherwise shall be made by the said Stephen Smith or his legal representatives against the City for the cost of any structure erected on that portion of the reclaimed land hereafter to be used as a street. The work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks. This permission shall not prejudice any right which the City may have to any portion of the aforesaid territory for the purposes of a public street.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the water-front of the City be and the same is hereby divided into dock districts as below, and the same placed in charge of the respective Superintendents of Docks named herein.

District No. 1, extending from Pier 1, North river, to and including foot of Twenty-third street, North river, in charge of Superintendent John M. Smith.

District No. 2, extending from foot of Twenty-third street, North river, to and including foot of Fifty-seventh street, North river, in charge of Superintendent James Fitzpatrick.

District No. 3, extending from Pier 1, East river, to and including foot of Corlears street, in charge of Superintendent William McConkey.

District No. 4, extending from foot of Corlears street, East river, to and including foot of One Hundred and Fifth street, Harlem river, in charge of Superintendent John Butler, and

That the Superintendent in charge of District No. 2 shall make one visit each week to the wharves and piers on the North river, as far as Spuyten Duyvil, and the Superintendent in charge of District No. 4 shall make one visit each week to the wharves and piers on the Harlem river as far as Kingsbridge.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 21, 1875.

Present--Commissioners Wales and Westervelt, and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Three proposals were received for furnishing the Department with 5,000 barrels of fresh burnt English Portland cement, from the following named parties: S. L. Merchant & Co., $3.79 per barrel; James Brand, $3.69 per barrel, and John Gillespie, $3.45 per barrel, and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 23, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held June 16 and 21, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the proposals for furnishing 5,000 barrels of English Portland cement, and the Comptroller having advised that John Gillespie is not in arrears or in default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing 5,000 barrels of fresh burnt English Portland cement be and the same is hereby awarded to John Gillespie, of No. 798 Tenth avenue, his bid for furnishing said material being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened June 21, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the report it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

A communication was received from the Hudson River Yacht Club, in reference to use of water-front outside of foot of Seventieth street, for anchorage ground, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform the petitioner that application must be made by them to the Harbor Master of the District, in reference to the subject matter of the communication.

A communication was received from Charles Devlin, on behalf of E. S. Mullen, for permission to use dumping-board foot of Laight street, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Mullen that this Department has no objection to his using the said dumping-board when not required by the Street Cleaning Department, provided the consent of said Department be obtained.

A communication was received from C. Smith & Son, lessees of north half of Pier 58, East river, to have repairs made, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Superintendent Guthrie directed to examine and report as to the nature of the repairs required, and the Secretary to notify the owners of the westerly side of the pier to call upon the Commissioners in reference to repairing the same.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, for permission to deposit rock filling on the East river water-front, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President to examine and report.

A communication was received from Lederle & Co., enclosing bill for services in supervising erection of sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication was received from Joseph Conway, Inspector of Dredging, for increase of compensation, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That on and after July 1st next, the salary of Joseph Conway, Inspector of Dredged Material, be and the same is hereby fixed at $750 per annum.

A communication was received from the Stephens & Condit Transportation Company, for a berth at upper side of Pier 55, East river, and being read, the permission asked for was,

On motion, denied, for the reason that it is believed that the premises in question will shortly be again used for ferry purposes, and that a boat could not make use of the upper side of Pier 55 without causing the removal of a large portion of the ferry-rack now erected there.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, in reference to bills of Patrick Brady for sand, and Bouker and Harrington for stone, and being read and the Secretary reporting that the request of the Comptroller contained therein had been complied with,

On motion, the communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from H. W. Mitchell, in reference to berth assigned for his boat, at south side of Pier foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That H. W. Mitchell be and he is hereby informed that under the terms of the resolution adopted by this Board on February 25 last, he was granted the privilege merely of a berth at the south side of Pier foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, for his steamboat, and consequently when his boat is not lying at said premises the lessee of the pier may collect for his own use such wharfage as may accrue from other vessels lying thereat, the privilege accorded Mr. Mitchell being in no wise considered a lease of the south side of the pier.

A petition was received from John Shea, in reference to the sinking of his coal boat at Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, and being read was,

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

Resolution of Common Council—In reference to members visiting Department of City Government.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department June 19.

From Old Dominion Steamship Company—Acknowledging receipt of resolutions in reference to reduction of rent.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and disbursements from June 15 to 22.

From Engineer's Department—As to work performed during week ending June 19.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the petition of the Morrisania Steamboat Company, in reference to the repairs necessary to be made to Pier 22, East river, reported that he had examined the premises and found that the repairs needed were upon that portion of the pier leased to the Fulton Market Fishmongers Association and the Union Ferry Company, and should be made by them, and that he had directed said lessees to be notified to make the repairs without delay.

On motion, the report was accepted and the action of Commissioner Westervelt approved.

President Wales, to whom was referred the report of the Engineer-in-Chief as to repairs needed to Piers 62, 65 and foot of Twenty-eighth street, East river, leased to E. M. Brown, reported that he had given the matter careful consideration, and after consultation with said lessee had agreed that this Department should make the repairs to Pier 65 at a cost of labor and materials of $595.88, and also to the Pier at the foot of Twenty-eighth street, East river, at a cost of $578.72, Mr. Brown, the lessee, agreeing to make the repairs to Pier 62 at his own cost and expense, and to keep all of said piers in good and substantial repair hereafter, in accordance with the terms of his lease, and that he had ordered said repairs to be made forthwith.

On motion, the report of the President was accepted and his action in reference thereto approved.

On motion, the petition of E. M. Brown and the report of the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to the above subject was taken from the table and placed on file.

President Wales, to whom was referred the communication from the Police Department, requesting that dredging be done by the Department at the slip foot of Ninety-sixth street, East river, in order to remove the ashes deposited there while unloading scows of the Street Cleaning Bureau, reported that after careful consideration of the subject, he was of the opinion that as said slip was private property, the Department was not called upon to do said work, the necessity of the removal of the ashes not having been caused by any negligence of this Department, and had directed the Police Department to be notified to that effect, and had also informed said Department that this Board would do the necessary dredging in said slip, provided they would agree to pay the cost of the work.

On motion, the report was accepted and the action of the President approved.

The following communications were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

From the Engineer-in-Chief—As to change in width of new piers between Canal and Barrow streets, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to damage done cluster of piles at new Pier 47, North river, by steam tug "Utica."

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to that part of the Gansevoort Street Yard not needed for use of Department.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to new plans, etc., on East river, for adoption by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to alteration of plan as adopted of pier and bulkhead lines on East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to proposed change in dimensions new Pier 1, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to improvements for facilitating discharge of scows at Randall's Island.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs to dumping-board at Forty-sixth street, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to work contemplated by the Department, and force employed, etc.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to contract for repairing Dredge No. 1.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending March 13.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to condition of Piers at foot of Ninety-sixth, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, North river, injured by ice.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to quantity of material to be dredged from Oyster basin, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending that Superintendent of Floating Property be placed under his supervision.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to discharge of Richard Moran, Watchman.

From Counsel to the Corporation—In relation to the complaint drawn in suit vs. Wm. Bradley, lessee of Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river.

From Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to obtaining information as to waterfront in Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, owned by the City.

From R. Cornell White—Accepting lease of Pier 37, East river, under resolution adopted October 1, 1874.

From J. Bigler—Relative to his contract for furnishing timber and dock piles.

From Health Department—To have berth between Ninety-sixth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, East river, assigned for use night-soil boat.

From Alfred J. Murray, Assistant Superintendent—On condition scow No. 9.

From Wheeler & Holby and others—To have a pier built at the foot of Bank street, North river.

From E. Marcus—In reference to supplying Department with cement.

From James Brand—As to the bills of cement sent forward to Department Finance under his contract.

From Superintendent Pickering—As to repairs necessary to be made to scows belonging to the Department.

From S. A. Frost—Desiring Department to unite with him in sheathing Pier 23, East river.

From W. & A. W. Lowerre—In reference to the sale of bulkhead property to the City.

From Department of Finance—Approving sureties of T. & A. Walsh.

The President reporting that Mr. Maltby G. Lane had called upon him and stated that owing to the putting down of a Croton water-main through the bulkhead at Second avenue and Harlem river in August, 1873, he had been deprived of the use of the premises leased by him, as more fully set forth in his several communications to the Department, and claimed to have suffered damages to the extent of $450,

On motion, the communications from Mr. Lane of November 25, 1874, and June 9, instant, were taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Maltby G. Lane to erect at his own cost and expense, and under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, a platform on piles in front of the bulkhead at the head of Second avenue and Harlem river, and within the established bulkhead line, and to occupy and use the same when built for commercial purposes until the 1st day of August, 1877, without charge; provided he shall, within ten days from the date hereof, file in this Department his written agreement to the effect that at the expiration of the term of his occupancy herein fixed he will surrender said premises without claim against the City for the cost incurred by him in the erection of said platform, and also that he shall waive any and all claims he may now have for damages or otherwise against the City for his inability to use the bulkhead aforesaid leased by him, owing to the placing of a Croton water-main through and in front thereof.

The reports of the Engineer-in-Chief, under dates December 15, 1874, and April 17, 1875, in reference to the foregoing, were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from Engineer's Department, in reference to the employment of stone-cutters, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Committee on Reorganization.

A report was received from Assistant Engineer Kid, in reference to repairs required to tug "Louis," and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That C. B. Kid, Assistant Engineer (Mechanical), be and he is hereby directed to have the tug "Louis" placed on dry dock and the repairs made to the rudder-post, etc., as recommended in his report; the work of said repairs to be performed by the force in the employ of the Department.

The communication from Superintendent Pickering, in reference to said repairs, dated ıne 15, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

A report was received from W. W. Burnham, in reference to arrearages of rent due from 'avid Tracy, lessee of Piers foot of Twenty-fifth street, East river, and Fortieth street, North ver; and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee of Piers foot of Twenty-fifth street, East river, and ɔrtieth street, North river, be and he is hereby informed that the arrearages of rent due ɔm him as lessee of said piers, and amounting to $1,637.50, must be paid to this Department ithout delay; and should the same be not paid within five days from the day hereof, then is Department will re-enter and take possession of the said piers.

A communication was received from Erie Railway Company, in reference to lease of emises foot of Chambers street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from James W. Jenkins, offering to furnish two Divers, 'o Laborers, diving apparatus and boat, complete for work at new Pier 1, North river, for e sum of $30 per day, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

Commissioner Westervelt presented the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Engineer in charge of the section of the work between Spring ıd Christopher streets, North river, be directed to extend, widen and make the necessary pairs to Pier 50, North river, in the following manner: the Pier to be extended to the pier ad-line as now established by law; the widening to be made in equal proportions on each le of the present pier, so as to make the pier 80 feet wide, the required additions to be built ıtirely on piles, and the work to be commenced immediately.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, said resolution was referred to the Executive Comittee.

Commissioner Westervelt presented the following preamble and resolution for adoption:

Whereas, The shed now under construction by this Department on new Pier 46, North ver, will be completed on or about the thereby affording at said pier nple accommodations for such one of the foreign steamship companies as are at present :cupying premises needed by this Department in the work of improving the water-front of ıe city, in accordance with the new plans adopted by the Department of Docks and the ommissioners of the Sinking Fund, and

Whereas, The premises known as Pier 46, North river, occupied by the Williams & Guion teamship Line under a lease which expired on 1st November last, is required by this Depart-ıent in the prosecution of its work as above, be it therefore

Resolved, That Messrs. Williams & Guion be and they are hereby notified that the prem-es occupied by them at Pier 46, North river, will on or about the day of ε required by this Department in the prosecution of its work of building the new bulkhead r river-wall, and of extending and widening the pier, in conformity with the new plans

adopted, and that new Pier 46, North river, is hereby assigned to them temporarily for the accommodation of their business, upon their agreeing to pay to this Department as rent therefor at the rate of $ per annum.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, said preamble and resolution were referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Engineer's Department in reference to supply of coal for tugs and dredges, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

The President reported that Thomas W. Thorne, Inspector of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, had made application to him for the temporary use of one of the Department mud scows in order to make experiments therewith in the removal of street dirt, etc.

On motion, the application of Inspector Thorne was granted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 30, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held 23d instant, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report they made in relation to the petition of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for permission to erect a bulkhead and fill-in in front of premises between Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets, North river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board at meeting held June 2, 1875, whereby permission was granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and to the Union Stock Yard and Market Company to erect a bulkhead and fill-in between Fifty-eight and Sixtieth streets, North river, as recorded in Minute Book No. 8, folios 418, 419 and 420, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled, and that the following resolution be and the same is hereby adopted in lieu thereof, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of enabling the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to construct terminal improvements and accommodations for their business additional to those provided for under resolution adopted by this Board under date of May 28, 1874, that permission be and the same is hereby granted to the said company to fill in and reclaim the land under water in front of the premises owned by them between the centre line of Fifty-ninth street and the centre line of Sixtieth street, North river, and to the Union Stock Yard and Market Company to fill in and reclaim the land under water in front of the premises owned by them between the centre line of Fifty-eighth street and the centre line of Fifty-ninth street, North river, and to erect free of cost and expense to the City and under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, a good and substantial bulkhead, beginning at the terminus of the present bulkhead just north of Sixtieth street, North river, and on the westerly line of the proposed Twelfth avenue, and extending along the said westerly line southerly to the said centre line of Fifty-eighth street, North

river ; thence easterly along said centre line for about 250 feet, or such distance as may be necessary to make the proposed improvements, and to secure the said filling in by a proper return bulkhead ; and that the said companies be and they are hereby granted a lease for the bulkheads at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, and the southerly half of the foot of Sixtieth street, North river, to be used and occupied for the purposes of the business of the said companies and to be constructed as provided for herein, provided that the said companies shall first and within ten days after the receipt of this notice file in this office a written agreement to construct the said bulkhead in accordance with the plans provided for the construction of the bulkhead north of Sixtieth street, and which plans were approved by this Board, and to surrender such portion of said bulkhead as shall be at the foot of Fifty-eighth street, North river, free of all claims against the City of any kind whatsoever, upon written notice three months previously given that it is the desire of this Department or its successor to make use of the said bulkhead at the foot of said street ; and to pay rent for the use of such portions of said bulkhead as shall be at the foot of Fifty-ninth street and at the southerly half of the foot of Sixtieth street, North river, in the sum and at the rate of $500 per annum, payable quarterly on the usual quarter days, commencing on the date upon which the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department shall certify in writing that the said bulkheads are ready for use and occupation, and to surrender said portions of said bulkhead at foot of said Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, North river, free of all claims against the City of any kind whatsoever, upon written notice three months previously given that it is the desire of this Department or its successor to make use of the said bulkheads at the foot of said streets for the building of piers ; and further agree that any and all streets or avenues laid out on the map of the City and constructed under the above permission to fill in, will be opened as public highways whenever the said companies or their successors shall be so directed to do by the proper city authority, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever against the Corporation, either for cost of improvements thereon or damage thereto or otherwise ; and further that it is understood and agreed that the permission and privileges hereby granted shall not be considered or construed as vesting in either of the said companies or their respective successors any other right or title to or in the said premises to be improved, than the said companies may now be legally possessed of, by virtue of certain water grants made by the Mayor, etc., as follows : One to Lebbens B. Ward, dated September 4, 1852, recorded in Liber 623, page 33 ; one to Andrew Carrigan, dated September 4, 1852, recorded in Liber 619, page 264, and one to Andrew Carrigan, dated March 3, 1869, recorded in Liber 1102, page 159, all as per records in Register's Office.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Suburban Gas-light Company, for permission to erect a bulkhead on Bronx river, Twenty-fourth Ward, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Suburban Gas-light Company, to erect a good and substantial bulkhead of crib-work in front of the eastern portion of the southerly boundary of the premises owned by said company, situated on the Bronx river, easterly of Main street in the Twenty-fourth Ward of this city ; provided, that the said company shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice, file in this office its written agreement to pay as rent for the land whether under water or not, to be covered by the said bulkhead and not owned by the said company, the sum of one dollar per annum, payable yearly in advance, to construct the said bulkhead in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and to remove all the said structures when so directed to do by this Department, or

its successor, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever against the Corporation, whether for the cost thereof or improvement thereon or damage thereto, or otherwise, consequent upon such removal.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Comptroller, relative to applications for grants of land under water, and having received a petition from William F. Rowland, for permission to fill in certain lots on the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, Harlem river, easterly of Fifth avenue, in which petition he stated that application had been made on April 22, 1872, for a grant of said land under water, but that since that date, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Fourth avenue had been extended, filled up and graded, so as to enclose the said premises in the block thereby bounded, and caused them to assume the appearance of sunken lots; and the Counsel to the Corporation having given his written opinion that a small portion of the said lots, being the northeasterly corner thereof, was formerly a part of the tideway of the Harlem river, and that the title to said portion is still vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the Committee have in accordance with the power vested in them, adopted the following resolutions, and request that their action be confirmed:

Resolved, That the petition of William F. Rowland for permission to fill in certain lots on the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, easterly of Fifth avenue, near the Harlem river, be and the same is hereby denied, the right to grant the permission asked for not being in the opinion of the Commissioners of Docks vested in this Board, the said lots having been reclaimed by the extension and filling in of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Fourth avenue.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to his communication dated December 4, 1873, asking if the issuing of certain grants of land under water, applications for which are now before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, will interfere with the plans of this Department, that the issuing of a grant of land under water or such other instrument or deed as may be necessary for such portion of the premises or sunken lots situate southerly of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, as specified in the application of William F. Rowland, dated April 22, 1872, will not interfere with the said plans, provided that the northeasterly limit of said grant or other instrument shall not be beyond the southwesterly line of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.

On motion, the report was accepted and the action of the Committee confirmed.

4th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of the Old Colony Steamboat Company, for permission to erect a shed on bulkhead north of Pier 28, North river, and to make certain other alterations, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Old Colony Steamboat Company to make such alteration and do such work as may be necessary in order to change the shed on the northerly end of the bulkhead south of and adjoining Pier 28, North river, into an office for the uses and purposes of the business of said company; the work to be

done under the supervision of the Department, and the office to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

5th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey to have slip between Piers 48 and 49, North river, set apart for the use of the said company and others, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey be and it is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to the communication of its President dated June 16, 1875, requesting the Department to set apart the slip between Piers 48 and 49, North river, for the use of said company and of the New York and Long Branch Railroad Company, that section 6, of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, does not confer upon this Board the power to appropriate said slip to the sole use of the said companies, but that the Commissioners of Docks, recognizing the necessity of the said companies having all proper terminal facilities and accommodations for the transaction of their business, believe that it will be desirable to appropriate and set apart for the sole use of the said companies a portion of the North river water-front of the city in the immediate vicinity of the said piers, when the work of improving that section of said water-front in accordance with the plans adopted by the Department shall have been completed and finished.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

6th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Comptroller, relative to applications for grants of land under water, and having received a petition from Josiah Macy's Sons, in relation to a certain water grant asked for on Harlem river, the Committee have, in accordance with the power vested in them, adopted the following resolution and request that their action be confirmed :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to his communication dated December 4, 1873, asking if the issuing of certain grants of land under water, applications for which are now before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, will interfere with the plans of this Department, that the issuing of a grant of land under water or such other instrument or deed as may be necessary for premises between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, Harlem river, under the application of Josiah Macy's Sons, dated January 14, 1873, will not interfere with the said plans, provided that the easterly limit of said grant or other instrument shall not be beyond the original low water-mark or the line of solid filling now existing and as shown by tracing transmitted herewith, and that a clause be inserted in said grant or other instrument to the effect that in case the City shall at any time require any of said premises for its own use as a street or for the proposed permanent improvement of the water-front, no charge shall be made to the City for any part so required nor for the cost of any improvement or structure thereon or damage thereto.

On motion, said report was laid on the table.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have examined the following claims or bills, and finding them correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment :

Robert Boyd, assignee of Joseph C. Brady, contractor—

Building shed on Pier 43, North river, being second payment of one-third, less 15 per cent	$11,129 33
Building shed on Pier 46, North river, being second payment of one-third, less 15 per cent	8,500 00
	$19,629 33

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

A petition was received from the Union Boat Club, for permission to place a boat-house at head of Fourth avenue and Harlem river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to R. E. Staats, Surveyor, to examine and report, with diagram of the premises.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt, to examine and report.

From John H. Starin—In relation to repairs needed to end of Pier 5, East river.

From Engineer's Department—As to use of Pier foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, for night-soil boats.

A communication was received from Assistant Engineer C. B. Kid, recommending that diver's apparatus be loaned to Peter Rafferty ; and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the request had been complied with,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A report was received from Superintendent Guthrie, as to repairs needed to be made to upper half of Pier 58, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Health Department, in reference to injunctions restraining the widening of piers, etc., and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed, in reply thereto, to state that this Department has not been served with an injunction restraining it from widening piers, etc.

A communication was received from S. L. Merchant, in reference to purchasing empty cement barrels, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, for examination and report.

A report was received from Assistant Engineer Kid and Superintendent Guthrie, in reference to repairs needed to tug "Alert," and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

From W. N. Radenhurst, Inspector—Recommending purchase of 9,097 ft. B. M. of timber ·om J. Bigler.

From John Mechan, Assistant Engineer—Recommending canvas coverings for cement at 'ier 1, North river.

A report was received from Superintendent Guthrie, stating the cost of repairs to bark · Candida," injured by a Department scow, would amount to about $25 ; and being read, 'as

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That James Guthrie, Superintendent of Construction, be and he is hereby irected to cause the necessary repairs to be made, by the force under his supervision, to the ark " Candida," at a cost of about $25, as recommended in his report dated June 23, one of ıe Department scows having damaged the planking of said bark while lying at Pier 10, East ·ver.

A communication was received from Commissioner Westervelt, relative to dumping-oards, etc., referred to in communication from Police Department, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The communication from the Board of Police in reference to the same subject, was

On motion, taken from the table and referred to the Executive Committee.

The President, to whom was referred, with power, the communication from James W. enkins, offering to furnish two divers, two laborers, diving apparatus and boat complete for 30 per day for work at Pier 1, North river, reported that he had accepted the offer of Mr. ɜnkins upon the terms mentioned, and requested that his action in the premises be approved.

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President aproved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer's Department—Work performed during week ending 26th instant.

From John Gillespie—Accepting award of contract for furnishing 5,000 barrels of English ement.

From Peter Charles—Agreeing to terms of resolution granting permission to erect platɔrm south side Pier 39, East river.

From George W. Quintard, President—Agreeing to pay his proportion of cost of dredgıg slip between Piers 28 and 29, North river.

From Engineer's Department—In reference to result of surveys, etc., made during past wo years.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit Department of Docks, 26th instant.

Statement of Treasurer—As to receipts and disbursements from 22d to 29th instant.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be and he is hereby directed to take proper measures to effect insurance on the new buildings now nearly completed on Piers 43 and 46, North river, to the extent of $28,000 on Pier 43, and $35,000 on Pier 46.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to proceed with the work in accordance with the new plans adopted on that part of the water-front on the North river known as the Canal street section, a purchase be made from Phelps & Kimpland of three cribs of spruce piles, containing in all 150, more or less, at $3.20 per pile, said piles to be 45 to 60 feet in length, 12 to 16 inches in diameter at the butt and 6 inches at the small end, and that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a requisition in due form for the same.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

Commissioner Westervelt offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to proceed with the work in accordance with the new plans adopted on that part of the water-front of the North river known as the Clarkson Street Section, a purchase be made from Phelps & Kimpland of 1,000 spruce piles, 45 to 50 feet in length, 12 to 16 inches in diameter at the butt and 6 inches at small end, at $3.20 per pile; also, 200 spruce piles, 55 to 60 feet in length, of same diameter, at $5 per pile, and that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a requisition in due form for the same.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

A communication was received from his Honor William H. Wickham, Mayor, in reference to estimates of City Departments for the year 1875, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, to make a suitable reply.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 7, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held June 30, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Board of Police, in reference to repairs and improvements needed to various dumping-boards, etc., and Commissioner Westervelt having made an examination of the several premises and reported thereon, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the action of Commissioner Westervelt in ordering the necessary repairs to be made to the dumping-boards foot of Market, Seventeenth and Forty-sixth streets, East

ver, and of Laight, Twenty-first and Thirty-seventh streets, North river, and in ordering the ecessary dredging to be done at the dumping-boards at Seventeenth street and Twenty-second street, East river, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the Board of Police be and they are hereby respectfully notified that this epartment must decline to erect new garbage dumping-boards at foot of Market and Forty-xth streets, East river, and at foot of Forty-seventh street, North river, it being deemed, in e opinion of this Board, impracticable to make the erections in said localities; that it must cline to raise the dump at Forty-seventh street, North river, and that the application for o additional dumps on the East river, one between Sixtieth and Seventy-fifth streets and e between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, is denied, e Department not having any premises within the localities named on which dumps could erected.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief or an Assistant be and he is hereby directed to ect at the foot of Fifth street, East river, a dumping-board at a cost of about $500, and at e foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, a dumping-board at a cost of about $750, for the es and purposes of the Board of Police; the said dumps to be constructed upon plans to be epared or approved by Commissioner Westervelt.

Resolved, That the Board of Police be and they are hereby further informed that the atter of furnishing more space at the Stanton Street Dump for the laying up of tugs, scows, c., is now under consideration, and that a prompt report will be made as soon as a decision all be reached by this Board.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of eidlinger, Schmidt & Co. for permission to erect a grain elevator on bulkhead between xty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, East river, and they recommend the adoption of the folwing resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Niedlinger, Schmidt & o. to erect at their own cost and expense a grain elevator on the bulkhead between Sixty-ird and Sixty-fourth streets, East river, to be about 30 feet square and 80 feet high; proded that they shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice file in this office eir written agreement to construct said building in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City d to remove the same when so directed to do by this Department or its successor, free of all aims of any kind whatsoever against the City, either for the cost of said building or damage ereto or otherwise, consequent upon such removal.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the ngineer-in-Chief relative to the repairs necessary to Pier at foot of Thirty-seventh street, ast river, and Commissioner Westervelt having examined the premises and reported the pier a dangerous condition, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolu-on:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief or an Assistant be and he is hereby directed to ave prepared specifications for making the necessary repairs to the Pier at foot of Thirty-eventh street, East river, and that upon the said specifications being approved by the Com-

missioners, that the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare in proper form the necessary proposal and advertisement for receiving bids for making said repairs.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

A communication was received from E. M. Brown, in reference to repairs being made to Piers foot of Fifth and Twenty-eighth streets, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

A communication was received from Gilbert & Snape, in reference to condition of slip foot of Forty-ninth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Assistant Engineer Kid, to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Engineer's Department, in reference to supply of coal for Department, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Assistant Engineer C. B. Kid be and he is hereby directed to prepare and forward to the Secretary specifications for furnishing this Department with 1,000 tons of coal for use of tugs, dredges and pile-drivers, it being the intention to unite proposals by public advertisement for supplying said material.

A communication was received from T. & A. Walsh, requesting that Inspectors be appointed to inspect work under their contract with the Department, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That C. B. Kid, Assistant Engineer, be and he is hereby directed, according to the provisions of the contract entered into with T. & A. Walsh for making repairs to certain piers, to appoint William Mackay as Inspector of the work to be performed at Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river; James Sheridan, at One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river; and John Atkinson, at Pier 38, East river.

A communication was received from R. P. Staats, Surveyor, as to the condition of slip south side of Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, the amount of dredging required, etc.; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Assistant Engineer C. B. Kid be and he is hereby directed to cause the slip on the south side of the Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, to be dredged so as to give an average depth of 10 feet at low water, in accordance with the report of R. P. Staats, Surveyor.

The petition of John Shay, to be paid for loss of canal boat at Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, was

On motion, taken the table, and denied.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Starin, to have repairs made to the end of Pier 5, East river, reported that he had examined the premises, and recommended that repairs should be made to the pier as follows: Piles to be fastened at the end of the pier, and a new fender piece about 5 feet long replaced; and also piles fastened on the sides of the pier.

On motion, the report was adopted, and Superintendent James Guthrie directed to make the repairs recommended.

A communication was received from the Engineer's Department, as to locating boat house at head of Fourth avenue and Harlem river, by "Union Boat Club," and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Union Boat Club, to place a boat house in Harlem river, at the head of Fourth avenue and foot of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, in such position as not in any manner to interfere with the small pier located thereat, or the free navigation of the river, said boat house to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

On motion, the petition of the Union Boat Club was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was received from John Mechan, Assistant Engineer, as to the dredging required in the slip at Pier 47, North river, by the National Steamship Company, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, Mr. Hurst, agent of said company, had been informed that this Department will do the necessary dredging thereat, provided he will agree to pay to this Department the cost of doing the work,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

The President, to whom was referred the communication from John Mechan, Assistant Engineer, recommending the purchase of canvas covers for the protection of cement stored at the Battery, reported that he had examined into the matter and he would recommend that a requisition be issued for the same at a cost of $94, in all.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein adopted.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer's Department--As to work performed during week ending July 3.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments from June 29 to July 6.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter all bills for materials purchased or for work performed under contract, will be certified by the proper officers as to the actual quantity delivered, or amount of service performed, and any deduction to be made from said bills in accordance with the terms of the contract, under which they are rendered, will be made by direction of the Commissioners of Docks.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from John G. Dale, agent of the Inman Steamship Company (Limited), offering to sell to the city

Pier 44, North river, for the sum of $275,000, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That John G. Dale, agent of the Inman Steamship Company (Limited), be and he is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to his communication of June 15, 1875, wherein he offered to sell to the city Pier 44, North river, for the sum of $275,000, that, after a careful and thorough investigation into the matter of a fair valuation for the said premises, the Commissioners of Docks are of the opinion and are convinced that no reason exists for a modification of the offer made to him by this Department, under the Secretary's communication dated March 23, 1875, for the purchase of said Pier 44, North river, and that this Board now renews its offer of the sum of $250,000 for the purchase of said property, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and of the Counsel to the Corporation of the title to the said premises.

Resolved, That the resolution presented to the Board at meeting held June 9, 1875, whereby the Counsel to the Corporation was to have been directed to take the necessary action to acquire for the City title to Pier 44, North river, be and the same is hereby placed on file, further action thereon not being required.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 14, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held 7th instant were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to plan proposed for improving the ferry premises at the foot of Chambers street, North river, known as the Pavonia Ferry, and occupied by the Erie Railway Company, and having received several communications from and had interviews with the officers of said company, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following proposition and offer made to the Erie Railway Company on or about June 1, 1875, be and the same is hereby adopted as a basis for the leasing to the said company of 560 feet of bulkhead on the North river water-front, beginning at a point immediately adjoining the northerly side or line of the proposed new Pier 19, and extending northerly therefrom, and of two new piers to be erected westerly from said bulkhead, in conformity with the diagram submitted by the said company, to wit : "The Department proposes "to build the piers according to the plans already submitted by the Erie Railway, provided "it can secure the assent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and provided the con- "sent of the present holder of the lease on north half of Pier 29 can be secured to the location "of the proposed ferry slip."

"The Department build the piers, the bulkhead line, and a platform suitable for the "foundation of the ferry houses."

A communication was received from William Jay Haskett, on behalf of owners of the propeller "Redfield," stating that the claim for damage done to said boat by tug "Louis" had been placed in his hands for collection, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Mr. Haskett requested to transmit to this Board a detailed statement of the damage inflicted and estimated cost of repairing the same.

A report was received from the Engineer's Department in reference to said repairs, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table to await a reply from Mr. Haskett.

The President reporting that in accordance with the request of the Board he had conferred with Mr. Tracy, lessee of the bulkhead between Rivington street and Pier 61, East river, with a view to the surrender of the same for the use of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, to moor thereat tugs and scows, and that said lessee had agreed to yield up possession of the premises, provided the Department would allow him a proportionate deduction of the rent payable under his lease from May 1 last, and a communication from Mr. Tracy to the same effect being read,

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Police Department has made application to this Board to have the bulkhead between the foot of Rivington street and Pier 61, East river, assigned for the use as formerly of the tugs and scows belonging to the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and

Whereas, David Tracy, at the public sale held March 31 last became the lessee of said bulkhead and adjoining premises, at an annual rent of $1,700, and has agreed in writing to surrender the said bulkhead for the above purpose, provided the Department will make a proportionate reduction in the rent charged in his lease, to commence 1st of May last, be it therefore

Resolved, That the offer of David Tracy, lessee of the bulkhead between Rivington street and Pier 61, East river, to surrender the same for the use of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that a deduction of $685.90 be made annually from the rent stipulated to be paid in the lease held by him, it being understood that all charges for wharfage against the boats of the said Street Cleaning Department for the use of the premises since May 1, on the part of said lessee are hereby waived.

A petition was received from David Tracy to erect small office on the Pier foot of Thirty-fourth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, the permission asked for was granted during the pleasure of the Board, provided said office be placed on wheels so as to be easily moved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From White Star Line—In reference to having additional wharf accommodations provided at Piers 44 and 45, North river.

From E. Grundheer—For use of foot of West Twenty-seventh street.

A communication was received from Charles K. Graham, requesting that papers recommending for Engineer-in-Chief of the Department be returned to him, and being read,

On motion, the requested was granted, and the Secretary directed to forward the papers referred to.

A communication was received from Edward Tague, for a lease of portion of Pier of Thirty-seventh street, North river, offering to pay therefor the sum of $400 per annum, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

The President reporting that Mr. H. Hastorf, purchaser of leases sold on March 31 last of Piers at Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, North river, and Eighty-sixth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets, East river, had stated that he was utterly unable to provide the sureties required by the terms of the lease,

On motion, the subject was referred to the President, with the request that he confer with Mr. Hastorf in relation thereto and report to the Board the result.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Superintendent Guthrie—As to why repairs ordered to be made to bark "Candida" were not made.

From John Mechan, Assistant Engineer—As to method of laying beton blocks.

From Engineer's Department—As to work performed during week ending July 10.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and expenditures from July 6 to 13.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and Union Stock Yard and Market Company—Accepting terms of resolution June 30, leasing water-front between Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets, North river.

From Department of Finance—Approving sureties of John Gillespie to cement contract.

From Department of Finance—As to balance to credit of Department July 10.

A communication was received from the New Jersey Steamboat Company, owners of Pier 41, North river, in reference to the construction of the bulkhead wall adjacent thereto, and the President reporting that he had addressed a communication to said company, stating that the work now being carried on is through Pier 42, and no orders have been given by the Board to construct a bulkhead or to drive any piles in the intervening slip, and requesting said company to remove the vessels at present occupying the north side of Pier 41, in order that the work of the Department may be carried on to advantage, etc.

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from the Suburban Gas-light Company, declining to accept provisions of resolution adopted June 30, whereby it was granted permission to erect a bulkhead on the Bronx river, provided it should pay to this Department, as rent for the land, whether under water or not, to be covered by the said bulkhead, and not owned by said company, the sum of one dollar per annum, and, being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy thereof to the Counsel to the Corporation, and request his opinion as to whether the said company are in

possession of the title to the land lying under water out to the centre of the Bronx river, as claimed by it, or if the title to any portion of said waterway is vested in the City or State of New York.

Commissioners Smith, Voorhis and Disbecker of the Board of Police appeared, and stated their desire to confer with the Board in reference to the repairs necessary to be made to various dumping-boards used by the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and the urgent need of additional facilities for the transaction of the business of removing street dirt, etc., and being heard at length,

On motion, the subject was referred to Commissioner Westervelt, to personally examine the premises on the water-front now used by the Street Cleaning Bureau, and report to this Board such alterations and additions thereto as may afford all needful accommodations for the business referred to.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from John G. Dale, accepting terms offered ($250,000), for Pier 44, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, John G. Dale, agent of the Inman Steamship Company (Limited), under date July 9 instant, has accepted the offer made to him by this Board under resolution adopted July 7, for the purchase of the premises known as Pier 44, North river, for the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), upon the terms and conditions as set forth in said resolution, be it therefore

Resolved, That in accordance with subdivision 4 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, application be and the same is hereby made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for their approval of the purchase by the Department of Docks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, of the premises known as Pier 44, North river, for the sum of $250,000, John G. Dale, on behalf of the owners of said pier, having agreed in writing to accept said amount, in accordance with the offer of this Board, under date of 7th July instant, said premises being required by this Department in the prosecution of its work of improving the water-front of the City under the new plans adopted.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution adopted by this Board July 7, and of the communication from John G. Dale, under date July 9, together with a tracing of the premises in question, be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

A communication was received from J. William Edwards, in reference to the manner of doing the work on the bulkhead wall at King street, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Engineer's Department, as to specifications for making repairs to Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

A report was received from Assistant Engineer C. B. Kid, as to specifications for proposals for 1,000 tons of coal, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That proposals be invited for furnishing this Department with 1,000 tons of 2,000 pounds each of anthracite coal, for the use of the tugs, dredges, etc., belonging to the Department, to be delivered at such times and places and in such quantities as may be required; and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have printed a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals, and when prepared to have the public notice inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the Bookkeeper be and he is hereby directed to prepare all requisitions hereafter drawn on the Comptroller for proceeds of Dock Bonds, for payment of claims and pay-rolls, as soon as the same shall be audited, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue and transmit to the Finance Department all such requisitions, after first being signed by the members of the Board of Docks.

The Engineer's Department having prepared twelve tracings of the plans of the works in progress by the Department for transmission to the Board of State Harbor Commissioners, California,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward the same, together with the maps of the water-front prepared by the Department.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, Mr. W. H. Pendleton had been informed in reply to his oral application for the consent of the Department to a transfer of the lease of the ferry premises foot of Whitehall street, that if the same was put in writing it would be forwarded to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion thereon,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 16, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $20,476.66, the principal items being $5,463.90 for cement, $851.07 for sand, $3,891.78 for broken stone, $2,785 for coal, and $1,311.27 for lumber and piles, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit the same together with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the question of providing additional dumping-board facilities for the use of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, presented the following report:

The undersigned, at the request of Board governing the Department of Docks, made an examination on the 15th instant, accompanied by Police Commissioner Disbecker, Captain

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be and he is hereby directed to take proper measures to effect insurance on the new buildings now nearly completed on Piers 43 and 46, North river, to the extent of $28,000 on Pier 43, and $35,000 on Pier 46.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in order to proceed with the work in accordance with the new plans adopted on that part of the water-front on the North river known as the Canal street section, a purchase be made from Phelps & Kimpland of three cribs of spruce piles, containing in all 150, more or less, at $3.20 per pile, said piles to be 45 to 60 feet in length, 12 to 16 inches in diameter at the butt and 6 inches at the small end, and that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a requisition in due form for the same.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

Commissioner Westervelt offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in order to proceed with the work in accordance with the new plans adopted on that part of the water-front of the North river known as the Clarkson Street Section, a purchase be made from Phelps & Kimpland of 1,000 spruce piles, 45 to 50 feet in length, 12 to 16 inches in diameter at the butt and 6 inches at small end, at $3.20 per pile; also, 200 spruce piles, 55 to 60 feet in length, of same diameter, at $5 per pile, and that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a requisition in due form for the same.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

A communication was received from his Honor William H. Wickham, Mayor, in reference to estimates of City Departments for the year 1875, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, to make a suitable reply.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 7, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held June 30, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports :

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Board of Police, in reference to repairs and improvements needed to various dumping-boards, etc., and Commissioner Westervelt having made an examination of the several premises and reported thereon, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the action of Commissioner Westervelt in ordering the necessary repairs to be made to the dumping-boards foot of Market, Seventeenth and Forty-sixth streets, East

river, and of Laight, Twenty-first and Thirty-seventh streets, North river, and in ordering the necessary dredging to be done at the dumping-boards at Seventeenth street and Twenty-second street, East river, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the Board of Police be and they are hereby respectfully notified that this Department must decline to erect new garbage dumping-boards at foot of Market and Forty-sixth streets, East river, and at foot of Forty-seventh street, North river, it being deemed, in the opinion of this Board, impracticable to make the erections in said localities; that it must decline to raise the dump at Forty-seventh street, North river, and that the application for two additional dumps on the East river, one between Sixtieth and Seventy-fifth streets and one between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, is denied, the Department not having any premises within the localities named on which dumps could be erected.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief or an Assistant be and he is hereby directed to erect at the foot of Fifth street, East river, a dumping-board at a cost of about $500, and at the foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, a dumping-board at a cost of about $750, for the uses and purposes of the Board of Police; the said dumps to be constructed upon plans to be prepared or approved by Commissioner Westervelt.

Resolved, That the Board of Police be and they are hereby further informed that the matter of furnishing more space at the Stanton Street Dump for the laying up of tugs, scows, etc., is now under consideration, and that a prompt report will be made as soon as a decision shall be reached by this Board.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Neidlinger, Schmidt & Co. for permission to erect a grain elevator on bulkhead between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, East river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Niedlinger, Schmidt & Co. to erect at their own cost and expense a grain elevator on the bulkhead between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, East river, to be about 30 feet square and 80 feet high; provided that they shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice file in this office their written agreement to construct said building in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City and to remove the same when so directed to do by this Department or its successor, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever against the City, either for the cost of said building or damage thereto or otherwise, consequent upon such removal.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief relative to the repairs necessary to Pier at foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, and Commissioner Westervelt having examined the premises and reported the pier in a dangerous condition, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief or an Assistant be and he is hereby directed to have prepared specifications for making the necessary repairs to the Pier at foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, and that upon the said specifications being approved by the Com-

missioners, that the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare in proper form the necessary proposal and advertisement for receiving bids for making said repairs.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

A communication was received from E. M. Brown, in reference to repairs being made to Piers foot of Fifth and Twenty-eighth streets, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

A communication was received from Gilbert & Snape, in reference to condition of slip foot of Forty-ninth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Assistant Engineer Kid, to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Engineer's Department, in reference to supply of coal for Department, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Assistant Engineer C. B. Kid be and he is hereby directed to prepare and forward to the Secretary specifications for furnishing this Department with 1,000 tons of coal for use of tugs, dredges and pile-drivers, it being the intention to unite proposals by public advertisement for supplying said material.

A communication was received from T. & A. Walsh, requesting that Inspectors be appointed to inspect work under their contract with the Department, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That C. B. Kid, Assistant Engineer, be and he is hereby directed, according to the provisions of the contract entered into with T. & A. Walsh for making repairs to certain piers, to appoint William Mackay as Inspector of the work to be performed at Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river; James Sheridan, at One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river ; and John Atkinson, at Pier 38, East river.

A communication was received from R. P. Staats, Surveyor, as to the condition of slip south side of Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, the amount of dredging required, etc.; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Assistant Engineer C. B. Kid be and he is hereby directed to cause the slip on the south side of the Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, to be dredged so as to give an average depth of 10 feet at low water, in accordance with the report of R. P. Staats, Surveyor.

The petition of John Shay, to be paid for loss of canal boat at Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, was

On motion, taken the table, and denied.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Starin, to have repairs made to the end of Pier 5, East river, reported that he had examined the premises, and recommended that repairs should be made to the pier as follows: Piles to be fastened at the end of the pier, and a new fender piece about 5 feet long replaced ; and also piles fastened on the sides of the pier.

On motion, the report was adopted, and Superintendent James Guthrie directed to make the repairs recommended.

A communication was received from the Engineer's Department, as to locating boat house at head of Fourth avenue and Harlem river, by "Union Boat Club," and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Union Boat Club, to place a boat house in Harlem river, at the head of Fourth avenue and foot of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, in such position as not in any manner to interfere with the small pier located thereat, or the free navigation of the river, said boat house to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

On motion, the petition of the Union Boat Club was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was received from John Mechan, Assistant Engineer, as to the dredging required in the slip at Pier 47, North river, by the National Steamship Company, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, Mr. Hurst, agent of said company, had been informed that this Department will do the necessary dredging thereat, provided he will agree to pay to this Department the cost of doing the work,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

The President, to whom was referred the communication from John Mechan, Assistant Engineer, recommending the purchase of canvas covers for the protection of cement stored at the Battery, reported that he had examined into the matter and he would recommend that a requisition be issued for the same at a cost of $94, in all.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein adopted.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer's Department--As to work performed during week ending July 3.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments from June 29 to July 6.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter all bills for materials purchased or for work performed under contract, will be certified by the proper officers as to the actual quantity delivered, or amount of service performed, and any deduction to be made from said bills in accordance with the terms of the contract, under which they are rendered, will be made by direction of the Commissioners of Docks.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from John G. Dale, agent of the Inman Steamship Company (Limited), offering to sell to the city

annual rental of piers and bulkheads connected with certain ferries, that this Department will lease by public letting and for ferry purposes only, for and during the term of years as stated in each case, the following named premises, now used and occupied for such purposes, and that it has fixed upon the sums herein set forth opposite each as the amount of annual rent to be paid to the Department of Docks for the use of the said premises respectively, to wit:

Bulkhead at foot of Tenth street, East river, now occupied as a ferry to Greenpoint, Long Island, for the term of five years from August 1, 1875, at $1,500 per annum.

Wharf property at the foot of Grand street, East river, and such wharf property as is vested in and owned by the Corporation at the foot of Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D., but only such of which as shall have been heretofore used by the ferry run from those points, including all the ferry houses, bridges, racks, platforms and other structures erected thereon at both of said points for the term of fifteen years from August 1, 1875, at $2,000 per annum during the first five years, $3,000 per annum during the second five years, and $4,000 per annum during the third or last five years.

Bulkhead at north side of and contiguous to the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, as now occupied for a ferry to Greenpoint, Long Island, for the term of five years from August 1, 1875, at $2,000 per annum.

Bulkhead at foot of Desbrosses street, North river, to such an extent as may be owned by the Corporation and now occupied as a ferry to Jersey City, New Jersey, for the term of one year from August 1, 1875, at $3,000 per annum.

All of the said leases to contain, in addition to the usual covenants and agreements, a clause to the effect that the lessees will at all times during the term of their respective leases, well and sufficiently repair, uphold, sustain, amend, maintain and keep all and singular the floats, racks, fenders, bridges and other fixtures at each landing place of their respective ferries, and that in the event of any damage to the bulkhead or piers adjoining their respective ferries from collision by ferry boats or otherwise from any action or negligence on their part, that they, the said lessees, will immediately repair and restore said property to its former good condition, free of cost and expense to the Corporation ; and a further clause to the effect that if at any time during the term of the said leases this Department or its successor shall require any of the premises thereby leased to be vacated, in order to carry on the work of permanent improvement of the water-front, in accordance with the new plans adopted or to be adopted, that the lessee of such premises will surrender and vacate the same, free of all claims against the City of any kind whatsoever, upon written notice, three months previously given, that it is the desire of the Department or its successor to progress with the said improvements in the vicinity ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby further advised that the granting for the term of two years, from August 1, 1875, of a franchise for a ferry at and from the premises, in which it is claimed by the owners the Corporation has no right or title, now occupied for ferry purposes at the foot of Barclay street, North river, will not in any manner be likely to interfere with or hinder the improvement of the water-front at the location designated for the use of the said franchise ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is further advised that this Board respectfully recommends that no present action be taken in the matter of a franchise for a ferry at and from the premises at the foot of Chambers street, North river, further than to obtain from the

Erie Railway Company an agreement to continue to pay the same rate of percentage on the gross receipts of said company as was agreed upon for the year ending May 1, 1875, it being contemplated by this Department to commence without delay the improvement of that section of the water-front, in accordance with the new plans adopted, and an agreement having been had with the said company for the lease of the said improved premises when completed, it seems proper that a franchise for a ferry at and from said premises should not be disposed of until the date when such improved premises shall be ready for occupation.

The following opinions were received from the Counsel to the Corporation, and being read, were

On motion, placed on file, and ordered to be copied in the Book of Opinions.

1st. As to the right of the Department to make repairs by the force in its employ, where the cost exceeds $1,000.

2d. In relation to leasing the ferry premises foot of Grand street, East river, to the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company.

3d. In the matter of the claim of D. D. Wylie, lessee of Pier 7, East river.

4th. In relation to lessees of wharf property holding over under expired leases, etc.

The petition of Daniel D. Wylie, for a rebate of rent due from him as lessee of upper half of Pier 7, East river, was

On motion, taken from the table and denied, inasmuch as the Counsel to the Corporation, in his opinion this day received, states that the claim for such rebate of rent should be brought by Mr. Wylie before the Courts for adjustment.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to prepare the necessary plan for the improvement of the terminal facilities of the Erie Railway Company on the water-front now occupied by said company at Chambers and Duane streets, the same to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval, also to prepare specifications and drawings of the work to be done, and of materials necessary for the completion of the piers and bulkhead, in conformity to said plan.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized to have such dredging done as may from time to time be necessary to prosecute the work of construction ordered by the Board.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to dredge the slip on either side for a distance of about 75 feet of the Pier at the foot of Twenty-second street, North river, so as to give a depth at low water of 10 feet, according to the terms of the lease to Harvey P. Farrington.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, in reference to numerous railroad tracks encroaching upon the water-front at foot Christopher street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and ordered to be copied in the Book of Opinions.

The annual report of the actions and operations of the Department for the year ending April 30, 1875, as prepared by the Secretary being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the annual report of the Department for the year ending April 30, 1875, as prepared by the Secretary, be approved and signed by the Commissioners, and transmitted to his Honor the Mayor, in pursuance of subdivision 9, of section 6, of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, and sections 88 and 119 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 28, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 16th and 21st instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from Alexander Frazer and others, in reference to repairing lower half of Pier 58, East river, owned by them, and being read,

On motion, the petition of C. Smith & Son and report of Superintendent Guthrie, in reference to the same subject were taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That Alexander Frazer and others, owners of the lower side of Pier 58, East river, be and they are hereby informed that this Department will make the repairs necessary to place said pier in serviceable condition, in the manner set forth in their communication of 20th July, viz. : The Department to repair the inner half of the pier, and the owners of the lower side of the pier to repair the outer half.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to repair the inner half of Pier 58, East river, the whole width, in accordance with the report of James Guthrie, Superintendent of Construction, under date of June 25, provided the cost of the work shall be within the sum of $1,000, the owners of the lower side of said pier, having agreed to repair as their proportion the outer half of said pier at the same time.

A petition was received from the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to have dredging done in the slip adjacent to Pier 34, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted July 23, 1874, whereby the Pacific Mail Steamship Company was granted a lease of new Pier 34, North river, the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed with as little delay as possible to dredge the slips adjacent to said pier so as to leave a depth at low tide of 25 feet, as requested by the said company, in order to accommodate their steamers.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the merits of French Portland cement offered to the Department by S. L. Merchant & Co., and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make a thorough test of said cement without cost, provided S. L. Merchant & Co. will send to the Department a quantity for that purpose.

A petition was received from J. W. Hart for permission to insert a six-inch drain pipe in the bulkhead on the East river, near foot of Grand street, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the permission asked for had been granted,

On motion, the petition was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from Cornelius A. Runkle, assignee of J. Sonneborn & Co., being an assignment of lease to Levi Kerr, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Kerr to call upon the Commissioners in relation thereto.

A communication was received from the White Star Line, in reference to additional wharf accommodations requested 12th July, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in the matter of a transfer of lease to J. J. Lawrence by North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company to assign to John J. Lawrence and his assigns, the lease held by said company from the North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company, of Pier 1, East river, and other demised property, and said John J. Lawrence is hereby permitted to accept such assignment, the demised premises to be used by said assignee or his transferees and the North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company for ferry or any commercial purposes, subject to the approval of the Counsel to the Corporation as to form.

The Secretary reporting that as directed by the Board he had effected insurance on shed erected on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, as follows:

On Pier 43—

$5,000	in the	Hanover	Fire	Insurance	Company,	Policy No.	292,892,	rate,	2	per cent.
10,000	"	Boston	"	"	"	70,796,	"	2	"
3,000	"	Orient	"	"	"	65,455,	"	2	"
4,000	"	American	"	"	"	121,826,	"	2	"
4,000	"	Newark	"	"	"	101,372,	"	2	"
4,000	"	Fireman's	"	"	"	67,710,	"	2	"
5,000	"	Guaranty	"	"	"	1,403,	"	2	"

On Pier 46—

$5,000	in the	Hanover	Fire	Insurance	Company,	Policy No.	292,893,	rate,	1¾	per cent.
10,000	"	Boston	"	"	"	70,797,	"	1¾	"
3,000	"	Orient	"	"	"	65,456,	"	1¾	"
5,000	"	American	"	"	"	121,827,	"	1¾	"
5,000	"	Guaranty	"	"	"	1,404,	"	1¾	"

On motion, the action of the Secretary was approved.

A report was received from Superintendent Smith in reference to lumber encumbering Pier foot of Jane street, North river, complained of by Vincent C. King, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to address a communication to Mr. King acquainting him with the facts of the case.

The communication from J. G. Dale, dated December 15, 1874, in reference to the sale of Pier 44, North river, was

On motion, taken from the table, and placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, ordered on file.

From Common Council—Resolution in reference to accounts rendered by the Departments of the City Government.

From Treasurer of the Department—Receipts and payments from July 20 to 27.

From Finance Department—Balance to credit of Department of Docks July 24.

From Phelps and Kimpland—Offering to furnish dock piles to the Department.

From S. L. Merchant & Co.—In reference to supplying French cement.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending July 24.

The President reported that in order to prevent a suspension of the work at Pier 1, North river, for lack of cement, the contractor for furnishing the Department with 5,000 barrels not yet being prepared to make delivery under his contract, he had made purchases of cement as follows: from R. S. Sinclaire, 125 barrels "White Brothers"; 50 barrels "Burnham," and 80 barrels "Brooks, Shoobridge & Co.," at $4.10 per barrel. On the 26th instant, from James Brand, 500 barrels "Knight B. & S.," ex ship "Hudson," at $4.00, and on the 27th, from Francis Spies & Co., 500 barrels "Knight B. & S." at $4.00, and requested that his action be confirmed.

On motion, the action of the President in making the purchases of cement, as above, was approved by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The Secretary, to whom was referred the communication from John Cain in reference to erecting a temporary bulkhead north of the foot of Fiftieth street, North river, to ascertain the owners of the land under water in said locality, reporting that upon application at the Finance Department he was informed that no grant has ever been issued by the City for the land under water upon which the proposed temporary bulkhead is to be erected by Mr. Cain.

On motion, the communication of John Cain, dated June 5, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following preamble and resolution adopted:

Whereas, by resolution adopted by this Board May 26 last, John Cain was permitted to erect a temporary bulkhead at the north side of foot of Fiftieth street, North river, provided that, among other things, he should file in this office the written consent thereto of the owners of the water-front on which said bulkhead was to be built; be it therefore

Resolved, That so much of the said resolution as refers to obtaining the written consent of the owners of the water-front north of Fiftieth street, North river, to the erection of the proposed temporary bulkhead be and the same is hereby stricken out, it appearing that no grant has as yet been issued by the City for the land under water upon which the structure is to be built.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 30, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

Commissioner Dimock, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, appointed by the Board May 15, 1875, presented the following resolutions, which were

On motion, unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That Thomas Murphy be and he is hereby appointed Superintendent of Masonry Construction, and placed in charge, under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief, of all masonry works of the Department, with power to discharge all persons under his supervision; and that his salary be and the same is hereby fixed at $3,000 per annum, to take effect 1st August next.

Resolved, That Herman Winter be and he is hereby appointed, under the Engineer-in-Chief, Engineer in charge of the Floating Property of the Department of Docks, at a salary of $125 per month, to take effect August 1, with power to suspend all persons under his supervision.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 4, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings July 28 and 30 were read and approved.

A communication was received from S. W. Bowne, in reference to Pier 51, North river, taken by the Department in its work of improving the water-front, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee, and the petitioner invited to attend.

A petition was received from M. Foster, lessee of Pier foot of Perry street, North river, for an allowance of rent for part of cost of repairing the same, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The communication from Mr. Foster, under date of May 18, in reference to repairs needed to said pier, was

On motion, taken from the table, and placed on file.

A communication was received from W. Jay Haskett, enclosing detailed statement of cost of repairing damage to propeller "Redfield," caused by tug "Louis," and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee, and the Secretary directed to request Mr. Haskett to advise the Board of all the particulars in relation to the cause of said damage, and in what manner, in his opinion, this Department is held liable for the same.

The communication from Mr. Haskett under date July 14, in relation to the same subject, was

On motion, taken from the table and referred to the Executive Committee.

A petition was received from John Nesbit, lessee of Pier foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, East river, to have dredging done, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report to what extent dredging is required.

A communication was received from Marshall Lefferts, President of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, offering to connect the Department Yards with General Office under a lease for three or five years, for an annual sum of $1,080, payable monthly, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Lefferts that his proposition is for the present declined.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to repairs needed to Pier foot of Forty-seventh street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to repair the end of the Pier at the foot of Forty-seventh street, North river, as recommended in his report under date July 31, at a cost of about $500.

A communication was received from Joseph Lederle, as to lamp room and fire hose to be provided on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

A petition was received from T. & A. Walsh, on behalf of the Butchers' Hide and Melting Association, to extend pile platform in front of their property between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Butchers' Hide and Melting Association, to extend the pile platform erected in front of their property between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, East river, in order to facilitate the landing of cattle, the extension of said platform to be about 15 feet on the northerly end and 25 feet on the southerly end, and to be within the bulkhead line established by law, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from Levi Kerr, in reference to proposed assignment of lease from Cornelius A. Runkle, assignee of Jonas Sonneborn, of Pier foot of Ninety-sixth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the consent of this Board be and it is hereby given to Cornelius A. Runkle, assignee of Jonas Sonneborn, lessee of the Pier foot of Ninety-sixth street, North river, to assign the lease of said pier for the unexpired term, unto Levi Kerr, of the City of New York, provided that the consent in writing be filed in this office of A. J. Dittenhoefer and Joseph Dryfoos, sureties to said lease to said assignment, and also that the consent hereby granted to the assignment of said lease shall not release nor shall it be construed in any manner as releasing any of the parties to the lease made to Jonas Sonneborn from any liability under the provisions thereof, and also provided that said Levi Kerr shall furnish two sureties satisfactory to this Board, for the faithful performance of the conditions of said lease.

The petition of Mr. Kerr dated June 1, and draft of assignment of the above lease, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Finance—Balance to credit Department of Docks, July 31.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payment from July 27 to August 3.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Work performed during week ending August 1.

Commissioner Westervelt presented the following report:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Louis Bucki, to erect derricks on he bulkhead occupied by him, as assignee of E. W. Youmans, lessee, at Little Twelfth treet, North river, etc., begs leave to report to the Board of Docks, that he has made a ersonal examination of the premises referred to, and recommends that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Louis Bucki, assignee of the lease of bulkhead foot of Little Twelfth street, North river, to erect on said bulkhead, two derricks for hoisting lumber, and retain the same thereon during the pleasure of the Board, and to construct two shutes on the river face of said bulkhead at his own cost and expense, in order to facilitate the landing of lumber, said bulkhead in its present condition being too high for such purpose, said Louis Bucki having agreed to replace the portion of the bulkhead cut down when so ordered to do by this Department.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the rate of wages to be paid to the mechanics and others herein specified, employed by this Department on and after August 1, be and the same is hereby fixed, until otherwise ordered, as follows, to wit: Day Watchmen, $2.25 per day; Night Watchmen, $2.25 per day; Foreman of Carpenters, $4.00 per day; Foreman of Department Yards, $4.00 per day; Foremen of Stone-cutters, $4.00 per day; Roundsman, $3.00 per day; Engineers, $3.00 per day; Time-keepers, $3.00 per day; Masons, $4.00 per day, and Foreman of Laborers, $3.50 per day.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, May 11 last, in reference to the rent to be paid for certain piers, the leases for which have expired, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the figures "7,000" as they occur on line 18, page 348, Minute Book No. 8, of the Minutes, and substituting in lieu thereof the figures 5,000, the latter figures representing the amount in dollars as the annual rent to be paid by the Maine Steamship Company, occupants of Pier 38, East river; and also by striking out the figures 11,000 as they occur on line 23 of the same page, and substituting in lieu thereof the figures 9,500, the latter figures representing the amount in dollars as the annual rent to be paid by the New York Balance Dock Company, occupants of Piers 40, 41, and part of Pier 42, East river.

The monthly tonnage reports as prepared by the Dock Superintendents were received, and

On motion, placed on file.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The following communications were taken from the table, and

On motion, placed on file.

From North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company—For a transfer of lease to John J. Lawrence.

From Commissioner Westervelt—On application of Police Department for additional dumping-boards on North and East rivers.

From Board of Police—Requesting that additional dumping-boards be built on North and East rivers.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Union Ferry Company, requesting that the premises leased to the North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company foot of Whitehall street, be put up at public auction, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from Davis, Work, McNamee and Hilton, in reference to a transfer of lease of the North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from D. Henry Haight, protesting against the purchase by the City of Pier 44, North river, for the price of $250,000, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board he had ordered the Engineer-in-Chief to place spring piles at Pier 38, East river,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to ascertain what amount of dredging was necessary to be performed in the slips adjacent to Pier 46, North river, to accommodate the steamers of Williams & Guion Line,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board he had directed the Secretary to request the Fire Commissioners to remove the telegraphic instrument and operator from the Battery office to the small office adjacent to the boat landing,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to cause the cement-testing machine to be removed from the Gansevoort Street Yard to the Battery,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for ng repairs to Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river), held August 10, 1875.

Present—All the Commissioners and the Comptroller of the City.

Four proposals for making repairs to the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, received from the following-named parties:

No. 1. James Howard, $3,613.90.

No. 2. Alfred J. Murray, $5,360.

No. 3. John W. Flaharty and Thomas O'Connell, $5,595.

No. 4. James D. Leary, $4,945.

And being read, were

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for furnishing the Department with 1,000 tons of coal), held August 11, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock, and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—President Wales.

Three proposals were received for furnishing the Department with 1,000 tons of coal n the following named parties: No. 1, Richard Heather, $5.75 per ton; No. 2, Edgar Youmans, $5.89 per ton; No. 3, James D. Leary, $5.49 per ton, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 11, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 4th and 10th instants, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Austin Baldwin & Co.—To have slip on north side of Pier 36, North river, lged.

From David Tracy—For a reduction of rent on piers leased by him, owing to want of cient depth of water.

From Thomas Patten—For permission to erect bulkhead between Forty-fifth and Forty-h streets, East river.

From Levi Kerr—In reference to transfer of lease of Pier foot of Ninety-sixth street, North river, and enclosing consent of sureties thereto, etc.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report in reference to placing additional fenders on ends of new Piers 43 and 44, North river.

The communication from the White Star Line under date May 13, in reference to additional fenders being required on ends of new Piers 43 and 44, North river, was

On motion, taken from the table and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from Mason & Foster, for a reduction of rent for quarter ending July 31, 1875, owing to dredging not having been done in time at piers leased by them; and being read, that portion of the communication referring to dredging, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee; and that in relation to the old submerged piles, stated as remaining at the bulkhead adjoining new Pier 47, North river, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report to what extent the evil complained of exists and remedy therefor.

A petition was received from Joseph T. Commoss, to have fence erected at south side of South Ferry and leased to him, and being read,

On motion, the petition was denied, and Mr. Commoss directed to make application to the Union Ferry Company, lessees of the premises.

A communication was received from Abiel Abbott, to have repairs made to Pier 12, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, the Commissioners to personally examine the pier.

A communication was received from S. D. Barnes & Co., to have broken piles replaced on Pier 57, East river, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have said broken piles replaced.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to work performed by the stone-cutters, and recommending that the wages paid them be reduced, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, the rate to be paid to the stone-cutters in the employ of the Department, from and after the 21st instant, be and the same is hereby fixed at 17½ cents per foot of beds and joints instead of 25 cents per foot, as heretofore.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments from August 3 to 10.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending August 7.

From John Turner—For position in the employ of the Department.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the proposals for repairing Pier at Thirty-seventh street, East river; and the Comptroller having advised that James Howard

is not in arrears or in default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contract for repairing the Pier at the foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, be and the same is hereby awarded to James Howard, of No. 103 South Second street, Brooklyn, his bid for making said repairs being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on August 10, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

President Wales presented the following report:

The undersigned begs leave to report to the Board of Docks that in accordance with the resolution adopted June 23 last, he has considered carefully the application of the Department of Public Works for permission to deposit rock filling on the water-front on the East river, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, and after a personal examination of the premises with the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department and the Commissioner of Public Works, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Department of Public Works, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, to deposit rock filling on the water-front on the East river, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, said filling not to extend easterly more than sixty feet from the easterly line of Avenue A, and not nearer than forty feet from the southerly side of the Pier at the foot of Sixty-first street.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The openings or doors in the side of the shed on new Pier 43, North river, now occupied by the Transatlantic Company's steamer "France," are so situated that it is not possible to bring more than three of her four hatches opposite to said openings, it becomes a matter of necessity to make another opening in the side of said shed about ten feet in width; be it therefore

Resolved, That in order to provide proper facilities for the discharging of the steamers of the Transatlantic Line, now occupying new Pier 43, North river, the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary opening (about ten feet wide) in said shed, with the least possible delay, and fit it with proper doors, in such manner as in his judgment will best meet the requirements of the case.

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, At the request of this Department the Transatlantic Steamship Company, George Mackenzie, agent, has surrendered possession of Pier 50, North river, in order to enable this Department to proceed with the construction of the bulkhead wall at that section

of the water-front, and also to rebuild and extend the pier in accordance with the new plans adopted; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the least possible delay to remove such portions of the inner end of the pier as may be necessary to allow the dredging and pile-driving necessary for the foundation of the bulkhead wall to be proceeded with, and also to prepare plans and specifications for the rebuilding and extending of the pier, so that it shall be 75 feet wide and shall extend to the exterior pier line, the pier to be widened 7½ feet on each side.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be directed to examine and report what will be necessary to be done at or on Pier at One Hundred and Tenth street, East river, in order to allow a dumping-board to be erected at that pier and the cost to complete said improvement.

On motion, the report from the Engineer-in-Chief as to pier foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, East river, was referred to the Executive Committee.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The following notices were received of claims for labor, etc., due from the contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river:

From Chester Williams, $31.87.

From James McCormick, $54.00 for labor.

From William Lowerre, $84.00 for labor.

From Robert R. Lawrence, $162.00 for labor.

From B. Dougherty, $80.00 for labor, and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Board here went into executive session.

The President reported that Messrs. F. Spies & Co. had advised that they would furnish the Department with fresh burnt English Portland cement at $3.78 per barrel, and the Engineer-in-Chief having reported that 700 barrels would be required for immediate use, he had purchased of Messrs. Spies 700 barrels of "Knight, Bevan & Sturges" brand of cement at $3.78 per barrel, and asked that his action in the premises be confirmed by the Board.

On motion, the action of the President in purchasing said cement was unanimously approved.

The President reported that since the last meeting of the Board he had directed the following letter to be written to the Engineer-in-Chief: "To avoid the recurrence of evil "practices growing out of the sale of material of no value for the uses of the Department, I "am directed by the President to instruct you to issue strict orders to subordinate officers in "the Department, that a list of all such material to be disposed of must be reported to the "Board, and any known violation of this order will result in the instant discharge of the "offender. Material to be sold must, when the nature of the case will admit, be sent to the "Gansevoort or Seventeenth Street Yard," and asked that his action be confirmed.

On motion, the action of the President was unanimously confirmed.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board, he had directed the Secretary to request Mr. William C. Rhinelander, executor of the estate of William C. Rhinelander, to advise this Department the lowest terms upon which he would sell to the city Piers 27 and 28, North river, claimed to be owned by him, as the Department will shortly commence extensive improvements in the vicinity of said piers and will require possession of the property, etc., and that he had granted to the Reverend Alvah Wiswall, permission to occupy a berth on the south side of the Pier at the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, at the outer end, for the barge "River Belle," for three days in each week until the 18th of September next, and also that he had directed Superintendent Smith to examine Pier 41, North river, complaint having been made that the occupants thereof deposit ashes and cinders through an aperture in the surface of the pier at the outer end, and report the facts of the case to the Board, and also that he had directed the Secretary to advise the owners and charters of the steamboat "Plymouth Rock" of the rules of this Department, in reference to throwing ashes, etc., into the slips on the water-front, complaint having been made to the Department that the practice prevailed on said steamboat of throwing ashes into the slip between Piers 28 and 29, North river, and request that the several acts herein recited be confirmed,

On motion, the several actions of the President as stated were unanimously confirmed.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to William C. Rhinelander, executor of the estate of William C. Rhinelander, requesting him to inform this Board the price for which he will transfer to the city the title to the upper half of Pier 33 and the lower half of Pier 34, North river, said premises being required by this Department in its work of improving the water-front of the city under the new plans adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to Thomas Pickering, late Superintendent of Floating Property, notifying him to render an account of all old material sold by him for account of the Department remaining uncollected, and to pay over to this Department without delay, any and all sums collected by him in part or in full payment of any material so sold.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Police Department, informing them in reply to their request that this Department should designate and set apart certain portions of the water-front of the City where ashes can be deposited during the coming winter, that after careful consideration of the subject the conclusion had been reached by this Board that the only places which can be designated for the purpose referred to are at such points on the North river where filling is required, in the rear of the different sections of the bulkhead wall being constructed by this Department.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to call upon the Commissioners of Police, in reference to the claims of Mr. Kane to have dredging done at his premises foot of Ninety-sixth street, East river, and request from them such data in reference to the condition of the premises prior to its use by said Department as will enable this Board to determine as to the equity of the claim presented by Mr. Kane.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication, similar to that transmitted to the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the disposal of old material, to each of the Superintendents of Docks.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, acquainting him with the facts relating to the lease granted to the North Shore

Staten Island Ferry Company of the premises foot of Whitehall street, East river, and the action of the Board in reference thereto, and transmitting copy of the communication received from the Union Ferry Company, under date of 2d instant, and from Davis, Work, McNamee and Hilton of 3d instant, in relation to said lease, and requesting his opinion,

1st. As to whether under existing statutes the Board of Docks is empowered to make a lease of the premises in question, or of any premises not built under the new plans, without offering the same at public auction, and

2d. If the Department is not so empowered, what is its duty in the premises under existing circumstances.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 13, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the owner or agent of the easterly half of Pier 12, East river, be and he is hereby notified that the outer end of said pier is in need of repair, and is in its present condition dangerous and unfit for commercial purposes, and that it is the desire of this Department to repair the same and will order said work done, provided said owner or agent files his written agreement in this office to pay one-half of the cost of doing said work, otherwise this Department will cause said repairs to be made and charge one-half the cost thereof to said owner.

The quarterly report for the three months ending June 30, 1875, as prepared by the Secretary, was read, and

On motion, approved and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to his Honor the Mayor.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 18, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Dimock and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

The President being absent,

On motion, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held 11th instant were read and approved.

A communication was received from F. Habkemeier, to have lease of Pier foot of Little Twelfth street canceled on account of the grade of the street being too high to admit of the pier being used, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the petition of F. Habkemeier, lessee of Pier foot of Little Twelfth street, to be allowed to surrender the lease of the said pier, purchased by him at public auction on

April 22, last, at the annual rent of $925, be and the same is hereby denied, and that he be and is hereby notified to call at the office of the Department and execute said lease without further delay.

A communication was received from C. H. Longstreet to have piles replaced at Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

A resolution was received from the Common Council, in reference to information required concerning lighting of piers, piers owned and leased, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Secretary to have the necessary information procured with as little delay as possible.

A communication was received from S. A. Jenks & Co., on behalf of owners of easterly half of Pier 12, East river, in reference to repairs ordered, and being read, the subject of making said repairs, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee :

From White Star Line—As to filthy condition of slip, between new Piers 44 and 45, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to dredging required at slips adjacent to Pier 46, North river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From James Howard—Accepting award of contract for making repairs to Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river.

From A. L. Soulard—Accepting terms and conditions of resolution adopted June 8, as to landing at Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 14th instant.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending 17th instant.

From Finance Department—Balance to credit of Department of Docks, August 14.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

From W. J. Gray—Statement of $47.25 due him for labor on sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From William Campbell—Statement of $94.50 due him for labor on shed on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

A resolution was received from the Common Council, forbidding location of dumping-board at foot of Eighty-sixth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, advising him that said dumping-board was erected at the request of the Police Department ; and in view of the fact that under existing statutes, all

wharf property belonging to the City is placed under sole charge and control of this Department, and is obliged to provide suitable accommodations for the use of the Police Department in removing street dirt, etc., and requesting him to render his opinion as to what action, if any, is required of this Department in the premises, provided the location of said dumping-board is considered by the Police Department essential to its use.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills amounting in the whole to the sum of $26,858.01, the principal items being $7,054.25 for cement, $4,875.40 for piles, $1,217.00 for coal, $3,773.66 for stone, $467.13 for sand, $1,333.88 for lumber, $413.13 for iron, $1,423.50 for spruce timber, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from Francis Spies & Co., offering to sell 1,000 barrels of cement to the Department, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President a purchase of 1,000 barrels of Knight, Bevan and Sturges' brand of English Portland cement had been made of F. Spies & Co. at $3.98 a barrel delivered,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President in making said purchase unanimously approved.

A communication was received from Francis Spies & Co., offering to sell 200 to 250 barrels of English Portland cement at $4 per barrel, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Secretary, to call upon the importers of English Portland cement, and ascertain the price and quality of such lots, suitable for the use of the Department, as can be delivered within the ensuing week, and also to ascertain definitely, if possible, from S. L. Merchant & Co., assignees of contract for furnishing the Department with 5,000 barrels, when they will be prepared, in accordance with their contract, to deliver cement sufficient for the wants of the Department.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to construction of resolution adopted 11th instant, fixing rate of wages to be paid to Stone-cutters, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief the terms of the resolution adopted 11th instant, fixing the rate of wages to be paid to Stone-cutters shall apply as follows, viz. : For every specific item of work upon which work shall have actually have begun prior to the 21st instant, the pay shall be at the rate of twenty-five cents per foot, and that on all work commenced on and after that date to be at the reduced rate of seventeen and a half cents per foot.

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to remove the block of crib-work filled in with stone in Pier 50, North river, foot of Morton street, to a depth of 20 feet below low water, in order to give a free passage for the flow of the water through the pier.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to have the necessary dredging performed for driving the piles for foundation wall between all the piers located between Spring and Morton streets, North river (where this work has not yet been performed), preparatory to commencing the bulkhead wall between the localities named, and that he commence the construction with as little delay as possible along the premises before named.

The Secretary reporting that in accordance with the directions of the Board he had called upon the Commissioners of Police, in reference to the subject of dredging the slip at the foot Ninety-sixth street, East river, claimed by Mr. Kane, the owner, to be necessary, owing to the material dropped into said slip from the boats owned by the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and had requested Commissioner Disbecker to advise this Board as to the depth of water in said slip prior to its use by the boats of the Department, and also that should he determine that any equitable claim exists on the part of Mr. Kane against the City in the matter, to so notify this Board,

On motion, the report of the Secretary was accepted and his action confirmed.

A resolution was received from the Common Council fixing the rate of laborers' wages at $2 per day of eight hours, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing a copy of said resolution, and requesting him to render his opinion as to whether this Department is in any manner affected by the resolution referred to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 25, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

The President being absent,

On motion, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The minutes of the meetings held 13th and 18th instants were read and approved.

A communication was received from Henry A. Peck & Co., as to dirt deposited adjacent to Pier foot of Thirty-eighth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Dock Superintendent of the district directed to report as to the facts of the case and to cause the work of said filling in to be stopped.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee:

From D. W. C. Ward—To place grain hopper on bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river.

From Coal Dealers—To have accommodations for their business set apart on the new bulkhead wall being built by the Department.

A communication was received from James Frazer, requesting to have small house removed from Pier 57, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Dock Superintendent of the district directed to report for what purpose said small house is used, etc.

A communication was received from S. L. Merchant & Co., enquiring as to where 200 barrels of cement shall be delivered, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that Mr. Merchant had been directed to deliver the 200 barrels of cement at new Pier 1, North river,

On motion, the communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from George Mackenzie, agent, as to bad condition of street adjacent to new Pier 43, North river, and being read, and

Commissioner Westervelt reporting that he had given directions to have some old plank from Pier 50, North river, put down in order to abate the evil complained of,

On motion, the action of the Commissioner was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, in reference to bill of H. C. Calkin for $132.90, claimed to have been lost, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have a copy of said bill prepared, to be duly certified by the Commissioners and transmitted to the Comptroller.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee:

From Arthur McConnell—Statement of material furnished contractors for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From Frank Shiller—Statement of labor on new sheds on Piers 43 and 46, North river.

A communication was received from Francis Spies & Co., enquiring as to where balance (500 barrels) of cement purchased on 19th instant shall be delivered, and offering additional quantity for sale at $4.00 per barrel; and being read, the Secretary was directed to notify Messrs. Spies to deliver said 500 barrels of cement at Pier 1, North river.

A communication was received from S. D. Barnes & Co., as to lumber on Pier 57, East river, endangering the safety thereof, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Superintendent of Docks for the district directed to report as to the facts of the case.

A remonstrance was received from residents and property-owners against location of a dumping-board at Eighty-sixth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Fred'k Clarkson—On behalf of owners of bulkhead foot of Morton street, North river, claiming damages from the Department of Docks.

From Finance Department—Approving sureties to proposal of James Howard for repairing Pier at Thirty-seventh street, East river.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments from August 17 to 24.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 21st instant.

From Finance Department—Balance to credit of Department of Docks August 21.

Commissioner Westervelt presented the following report:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the communication from S. A. Jenks, offering to repair the westerly half of Pier 12, East river, owned by the City, said Jenks having been engaged by the owners of the easterly half of said pier to repair the same, begs leave to report to the Board of Docks that he has had an interview with Mr. Jenks, and believes it would be for the interest of the City that the Department should make the repairs to such portion of said pier as is owned by the Corporation; and that he had given directions to have said repairs made at an expense that would be within the sum of $1,000, and requests that his action in the premises be confirmed.

On motion, the report was accepted and the action of Commissioner Westervelt confirmed.

On motion, the communication from Abiel Abbott, of July 30, in reference to repairs to Pier 12, East river, was taken from the table and placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the communication from C. H. Longstreet to have broken piles replaced on Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, reported that he had made a personal examination of the pier and had given directions to have said piles replaced.

On motion, the action of the Commissioner was approved and the communication of Mr. Longstreet placed on file.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the proposals for furnishing 1,000 tons of coal, and the Comptroller having advised that James D. Leary is not in arrears or in default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing 1,000 tons of coal be and the same is hereby awarded to James D. Leary, of No. 73 William street, his bid for furnishing said material being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on August 11, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the Dock Superintendent of the District had been directed to cause the removal of the lumber and brick encumbering the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, in order that the contractor for making repairs to said pier might be enabled to proceed with the work,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the owners of the bulkhead between Piers 16 and 17, and the owners of the bulkhead between Piers 46 and 47, and the owners of the bulkhead between Piers 49 and 50, and the owners of the bulkhead between Piers 54 and 55, all on the East river, had been directed to cause the same to be repaired and placed in serviceable condition,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause to be prepared and submitted to this Board, without delay, the necessary estimate and specifiations for doing such rebuilding and repairs as may be required to place Pier 8, East river, in thorough repair and good condition, including the 230 feet of bulkhead which extends northerly in continuation of the westerly side of said pier, and that a separate estimate be made for the work required on the pier, it being the intention of the Department to do all the work by contract or otherwise, provided the owner or owners of easterly half of the pier shall agree to pay to the City a proper proportion of the cost and expense incurred.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to granite yet to be delivered by Davis Tillson, contractor, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 1, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held August 25, were read and approved.

A communication was received from James D. Leary, accepting award of contract for furnishing the Department with 1,000 tons of coal, and requesting to be allowed to deliver as much of the coal as possible during the coming month, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Leary that the coal must be delivered in accordance with the terms of the contract.

A communication was received from Theodore F. Tone, for a lease of the north side of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, and of the bulkhead foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Tone that his request is denied, it being the intention of the Department to offer the lease of said premises at public auction.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare a list of wharf property on the North river, owned by the Corporation not leased, in order that leases of the same may be offered at public auction.

A communication was received from the Merchants' Dry Dock Company for permission to drive piles in front of the bulkhead between Piers 36 and 37, East river, for the purpose of

strengthening the same, and being read and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the permission asked for had been granted,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the Commissioners approved.

A communication was received from the Merchants' Dry Dock Company, for permission to erect small platform at the bulkhead adjoining the easterly side of Pier 36, East river, and being read,

On motion, the application was denied and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from P. Wilson, Jr., to have lease of Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, canceled, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Wilson that his request cannot be complied with, and direct him to call at this office with his sureties and execute the lease of said premises, or legal proceedings will be commenced to protect the interests of the City.

A report was received from Superintendent Butler, in reference to lumber on Pier 57, East river, stating that the same is not an encumbrance, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the communication from S. D. Barnes & Co., in reference to the same subject was taken from the table and placed on file.

A report was received from Superintendent Butler, stating that he had made careful enquiries in relation to the shanty on Pier 57, East river, and that the same is a nuisance as well as a harbor for river thieves, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the owner of the small house situated on Pier 57, East river, be and he is hereby directed to remove the same without delay, said house being an obstruction to the free use of the pier and complained of as a nuisance and a resort for improper characters.

On motion, the communications from John Frazer, in reference to the same subject was taken from the table and placed on file.

An application was received from John Fagan, for permission to erect a temporary bulkhead at foot of East Sixty-second street, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks August 28.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending August 28.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and disbursements from August 24 to 31.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, on the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, relating to the rate of wages to be paid to the laborers employed by the City, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and ordered to be copied in the Book of Opinions.

On motion, the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen above referred to, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A claim was received from Thomas Ambrose for $15.00, for labor performed on shed on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to laying off one of the dredges, and recommending that the crew of one dredge be dispensed with except the Engineer and Fireman, by selecting the inferior men of each dredge to the extent of the proposed number to be suspended, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, the services of one of the dredges belonging to the Department be and the same are hereby discontinued until further ordered, and the suggestions contained in the communication from the Engineer in charge of the Floating Property, in reference to the suspension and transfer of the crews of the dredges, be and the same are hereby ordered to be carried into effect.

The Secretary reporting, that in accordance with the instructions of the Board on the 18th August, he had called on the different importers of English cement for the purpose of being informed what quantity could be obtained for immediate delivery and the price thereof, and that James Brand had informed him that he had but 200 barrels, at $4.00 per barrel, and Messrs. S. L. Merchant & Co. had none on hand for immediate delivery under their contract with the Department or otherwise, and could not state when they would be prepared to furnish said material, and Messrs. Francis Spies & Co. had 1,000 barrels, at $4.00 per barrel, delivered, that upon making the above report the Commissioners had ordered to be purchased from James Brand said 200 barrels, and from Messrs. F. Spies & Co. said 1,000 barrels, at $4.00 per barrel, delivered,

On motion, the report of the Secretary was received, and the action of the Commissioners unanimously confirmed.

The Secretary reporting that since the last meeting of the full Board a communication had been received from Francis Spies & Co. offering to sell 500 barrels of English Portland cement at $4.00 per barrel delivered, and that by direction of the Commissioners on August 19, said offer had been accepted,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was unanimously confirmed.

The President reporting that he had on the 13th instant, purchased 1,000 barrels of English Portland cement of Francis Spies & Co. at $3.98 per barrel delivered, and requested that his action be confirmed,

On motion, the action of the President was unanimously confirmed.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to plan for building new Pier 42, North river, on site of Pier 50, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, The Engineer-in-Chief has this day submitted a report to this Board stating that it would be injurious to carry into effect the terms of the resolution adopted at a meeting held August 11, whereby he was directed to prepare plans and specifications for the rebuilding and extending of old Pier 50, North river, the proposed site of new Pier 42, owing to the fact that upon a close and minute examination of said Pier 50, it is discovered to be so defective, and its construction of such an inferior character that it would be unwise to repair the same in the manner indicated by said resolution, be it therefore

Resolved, That such portion of the resolution adopted by this Board on the 11th August last, directing the Engineer-in-Chief to prepare plans and specifications for the rebuilding and extending of Pier 50, North river, so that it shall be 75 feet wide and shall extend to the exterior pier line, and widened 7½ feet on each side, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and is hereby directed to remove Pier 50, North river, entire, except such portion as is easterly of the line of the bulkhead wall, and that he prepare and submit to this Board with as little delay as possible plans and specifications for the construction of new Pier 42, North river, to be of a width of 75 feet, and to extend out to the exterior pier line as established by law ; and be it further

Resolved, That when the application of this Board, made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to reduce the width of proposed new Pier 42, North river, is approved by said Commissioners, and the plans and specifications for the construction of said pier to be prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief are adopted by this Board, the Secretary be directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for doing said work, inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, This Department having decided to proceed with the work of building new Pier 42, North river, with adjoining bulkhead, it is deemed advisable that an alteration be made in the width of said pier as laid down on the plans adopted by this Department ; be it therefore

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of the act passed May 16, 1872, entitled an act to amend certain provisions of law relating to wharves, piers and bulkheads in the City of New York, application be and the same is hereby made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to change the plans as adopted by the said Commissioners and the Commissioners of Docks, so that two (2) feet may be taken from the southerly side of new Pier 42, North river, and thirteen (13) feet taken away from the northerly side of said pier, making the width thereof 75 feet instead of 90 feet, as at present laid down, and that tracings of the pier referred to be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address communications to lessees of wharf property owned by the City that have failed to pay the rent due from them as such lessees, requesting them to immediately remit the same, and that a failure to comply therewith will compel the Department to take the necessary legal steps to protect the interests of the city.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 3, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board February 4, 1875, requesting the Counsel to the Corporation to take the necessary legal steps, as provided in subdivision 4 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, to acquire for the benefit of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the upper or easterly half of Pier 12, East river, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to take such legal action as will discontinue any and all proceedings instituted on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to acquire said premises under said resolution.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have examined the following claim or bill, and finding it correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment :

Davis Tillson, agent Hurricane Granite Company, for headers, stretchers and coping	$11,189 92
Less 10 per cent. retained	1,118 99
	$10,070 93

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 4, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

Commissioner Dimock offered the following preamble and resolution for adoption :

Whereas, It is necessary to repair both the hull and machinery of the tug "Louis," and the extent of the repairs required by each cannot be determined with any approach to accuracy, as the Department is informed by the Engineer in charge, until the hull is opened and the machinery taken apart; and therefore specifications for the work cannot be well prepared to submit the work to public letting; therefore be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the power vested in this Board by article 5, section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, work be proceeded with on the hull and machinery of said tug "Louis" under the direction of Herman Winter, Engineer-in-Charge of Floating Property, without public letting, and with all possible economy.

The ayes and nays being called on the adoption of the above preamble and resolution it was adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to render his opinion as to the power of the Board to make said repairs in the manner contemplated by said resolution, and until such opinion be received further action in the premises be delayed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. M. WHITNEY, Secretary pro tem.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 8, 1875.

Present—The President and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meetings held September 1, 3 and 4, 1875, were read and approved.

A petition was received from James Stokes, for permission to erect a retaining wall in front of property now being graded between Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine the premises and report on the character of the proposed wall, and the expediency of erecting the same, and the petitioner requested to submit for examination the title to said property.

A communication was received from the Police Department, advising that it did not require the slip at Ninety-fifth street, East river, to be dredged, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Kane of the action of the Police Board, and that this Board declines to take further action in the premises.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that nine of the Department scows be caulked, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to have the work done under the supervision of the Engineer in charge of the floating property.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From W. B. Donley—For permission to drive piles and erect houses at bulkhead adjoining upper side Pier 36, East river.

From E. Gillet—Asking attention to merits of hydraulic lime of Teil. (Referred to the President.)

From Central Railroad Company of New Jersey—Relative to rent due for Pier 13, etc., North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending that building at Christopher Street Yard be wholly used as an office, and an additional shed be erected for storage. (Referred to the President.)

From Engineer-in-Chief—Suspending Anthony Morgan (carpenter), from work, being in an unfit condition to labor. (Referred to the President.)

From William H. Brown, lessee—Claiming reduction of rent consequent upon sewer filling up slips at Piers 57 and 59, East river. (Referred to Commissioner Westervelt.)

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The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Hoboken Land and Improvement Company—Asking reduction of rent under lease of ferry premises at Christopher street, North river.

From General Transatlantic Company—Claiming reduction of rent due under lease of Pier 50, North river. (Agent of Company invited to confer with Commissioners.)

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report on cost of repairing Pier 8, East river, and specifications for doing the work. (John Parsons, part owner of said pier, invited to meet the Commissioners in relation to said repairs.)

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Lockwood & Post—Notifying six unsettled claims against contractors for erecting sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river (with contract for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46 North river).

From Francis Spies & Co.—Offering to sell 500 barrels English Portland cement at $4 per barrel.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report for week ending September 4.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Forwarding tracings showing lines of old Pier 50 and new Pier 42, North river.

From Treasurer of Department—Report for week ending September 7.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation on the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, forbidding the erection of a dumping-board at foot of Eighty-sixth street, East river, advising that said resolution is invalid, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and ordered to be copied in the Book of Opinions.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Common Council forbidding the placing of a dumping-board at Eighty-sixth street, East river, laid on the table at meeting held 18th August, ultimo, and the remonstrance of residents and others against locating a dumping-board in said locality, laid on the table at meeting held 25th August, ultimo, be and the same are hereby taken from the table and placed on file.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Thomas Patten, for permission to erect bulkhead between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, East river, and ascertaining that a grant for the land under water proposed to be reclaimed has not been issued, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Thomas Patten, for permission to erect a bulkhead between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, East river, be and the same is hereby denied; and that he be and he is hereby notified that the bulkhead already erected at said locality must be repaired without delay, in compliance with the resolution adopted by this Board 14th January, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of constructing a dumping-board at One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to erect a dumping-board at the foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river, in accordance with his report thereon dated 27th July, 1875, but at a cost not exceeding $1,000, and for the uses and purposes of the Police Department.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held 16th July, 1875, as relates to the erection of a dumping-board at the foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

On motion, the petition from residents of the Twelfth Ward, against the erection of a dumping-board at One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river, referred to the President at meeting held 21st July, 1875, was taken from the table and placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt offered the following resolution, which

On motion, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to dredge alongside of new Pier 46, North river, on both sides, to such an extent as shall be necessary in order to obtain a depth of 25 feet at low water.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

Superintendent Smith having reported that a fender required to be refastened at outer end of Pier 21, North river, and the President stating that he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to do the work,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. M. WHITNEY, Secretary pro tem.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 15, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held September 8, instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from Charles L. Wright & Co., agents Wilson Steamship Company, for lease of part of new Pier 46, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to advise said parties that the Department was not in a position at present to negotiate for a lease of said pier, but will when practicable consent to berthing any of said company's steamers at said pier, should it be to the advantage of the company to do so.

A communication was received from Phelps Bros. & Co., relative to leasing lower side of Pier 21, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify said parties, that the said pier is leased to Thomas O'Rourke for three years from May 1, 1875, and suggest that they consult with the lessee as to occupying same.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, advising that contract for furnishing coal awarded to James D. Leary, was returned without his approval to sureties, consequent upon one of said sureties not being either a householder nor freeholder, and that the Counsel to the Corporation is of the opinion that a substitute cannot be accepted unless this Department consents thereto, and being read, and the Secretary stating that said James D. Leary had requested orally that Daniel Owens be accepted as a surety on said contract,

On motion, the communication was placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That this Board at the request of James D. Leary, to whom the contract for furnishing 1,000 tons of coal was awarded August 25, 1875, hereby consents that Daniel Owens, of No. 226 East Twenty-third street, be substituted as a surety on said contract in place of John C. Moses, reported by the Comptroller as being neither a householder nor freeholder of the City of New York, as required by ordinance.

An application was received from John Carmody for permission to place office on Pier 56, East river, removed from Pier 57, and being read,

On motion, the permission asked for was denied, and the Secretary directed to inform the applicant that an application for permission to place a small shelter box on said pier would be considered by the Board, provided the owner and lessee of the pier consented to the encumbrance.

An application was received from G. W. Seymour & Co., for permission to make repairs to pier and bulkhead between Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, North river, and the Secretary stating that by direction of the President, the permission asked for had been granted,

On motion, the application was placed on file, and the action of the President confirmed.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that certain repairs were necessary to place the platform between Piers 7 and 8, East river, in good condition, and that a portion of the deck of Pier 7, East river, needed resheathing; that there is an unsafe derrick on said pier, and that the pavement at the entrance of Pier 41, East river, and the filling between said pier and Pier 42 had settled; and being read, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to make the necessary repairs in vicinity of Pier 7, as referred to in the report, that the owner of said derrick had been directed to remove the same, and that the Department of Public Works had been requested to make the necessary repairs to the street in vicinity of Pier 41, East river,

On motion, the report was placed on file, and the action of the President confirmed.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to canal boat sunk off One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Police Department requested to furnish the facts relative to the sinking of the canal boat and the position of that Department in regard to the ownership thereof; and the Superintendent of Docks for the district was directed to ascertain and report the address of the owner of said boat.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee:

From Frederick Habkemeier, lessee of Pier at Little Twelfth street, North river—For reduction of rent, owing to change of grade of Twelfth avenue.

From Edwin M. Brown, lessee—For permission to surrender five piers leased by him at public auction for three years, from May 1, 1875.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file with the contracts with Joseph C. Brady, for erecting the sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, and the subject matter thereof referred to the Auditing Committee.

From Marshall Lefferts—Notifying unsettled claim against contractor for erecting sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From Thomas Brennan and others—Notifying three unsettled claims against contractor for erecting sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From C. A. Campbell & Co.—Calling attention to West street, near Pier 36, being obstructed by casks of chemicals.

From Association of Veterans of Mexican War—Asking leave of absence be granted on 14th instant, to such employees as served in that war.

From Treasurer of Department—Showing receipts and payments for week ending 14th instant.

From Finance Department—Showing balance of Dock Fund to credit of Department September 11.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed for week ending September 11.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Opinion confirming the power of the Department to make repairs to steam-tug "Louis" otherwise than by public letting.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President in the matter of the report of Superintendent Smith, that the Police Department had been requested to take measures to abate the nuisance produced by the garbage scows at the dump foot of Laight street, North river; and the Engineer-in-Chief had been orally directed to remove the beton block at present on the bulkhead south side of Twelfth street, North river; and in the matter of Superintendent Butler's report, that Charles Hubert, proprietor of a stone-yard at foot of Seventy-ninth street, East river, had been notified to take measures to prevent the slip from being filled up by the sand, etc., now being washed into it from his yard, and that the Department will hold him liable for the expense of dredging said slip,

On motion, the action of the President in the several premises was confirmed.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the attorney of the owners of the steamboat "Redfield," notifying that tug "Louis" will be libeled to secure claim for damages caused by

collision, and being read, and the President stating that he had replied to said attorney requesting a few days delay in libeling the tug, for the reason that the claim was now under investigation,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said attorney that although the Commissioners are in doubt as to the liability of the Department in the premises, yet the Board is disposed to reimburse the said owners for all moneys paid consequent upon the damage sustained by the collision referred to, provided the vouchers for the payment be submitted to this office.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief on the cost of dredging the slip between Piers 28 and 29, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a statement of claim be prepared and presented to each the New York and Charleston Steamship Company, and the Old Colony Steamboat Company, for one-fourth of the cost of dredging the slip between Piers 28 and 29, North river, estimating the cost at 16 cents per cubic yard for the 16,400 cubic yards dredged, as per the Engineer-in-Chief's report, the said companies having agreed to pay that proportion under resolution adopted June 9, 1875.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation to leaving openings in backing-logs on southerly side of Pier at Thirty-seventh street, East river, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to leave the openings in the backing-log as proposed.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief on bulkhead proposed to be erected at Sixty-second street, East river, under application of John Fagan, and being read and said application taken from the table,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to John Fagan to drive piles and erect a platform thereon at the foot of Sixty-second street, East river, for the purpose of landing thereat building and other materials, provided the said Fagan shall pay to this Department $75 per annum, payable in advance, for the use of the land under water covered thereby, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, and to remain only during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from Abraham Ackerman, requesting to be reinstated as Foreman Carpenter, having recovered his health, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the subject referred to the President.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Relative to brace rods and turnbuckles being furnished under contract with Callmeyer & Dambmann, expired August 5, 1874.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In relation to system for lighting piers.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 22, 1875.

Present—the full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held September 15, were read and approved.

A communication was received from William Jay Haskett, attorney for owners of steamer "Redfield," forwarding vouchers for cost of repairs made necessary by collision with the tug "Louis," etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Haskett that, as advised on the 15th instant, this Department was disposed to reimburse the owners of the steamer "Redfield" for all moneys paid consequent upon damage, if vouchers be submitted to this office, and requesting that the affidavit accompanying said vouchers be corrected in so far as it relates to the charge of $50 included for "loss sustained."

A petition was received from Levi Kerr, for permission to erect a building on Pier foot of Ninety-sixth street, North river, and being read, and the President reporting that the permission asked for had been granted in consequence of Mr. Kerr having obtained an assignment of the lease of said pier,

On motion, the petition was placed on file, and the action of the President confirmed.

A petition was received from A. Van Santvoord, lessee of Piers foot of Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, North river, requesting to have the slip between said piers dredged, there being an insufficiency of water for the vessels using the piers, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that according to the terms of sale of said leases the petitioner was entitled to have a depth of water at low tide of 10 feet,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause the slip between the Piers at the foot of Twenty-fifth and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, to be dredged to such depth as will secure 10 feet at low water, Mr. Van Santvoord, lessee of said piers, having stated that there is not sufficient depth of water for the vessels moored at said piers.

A petition was received from John Carmody, to erect a small watch-house on Pier 56, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John Carmody to place on Pier 56, East river, a small watch-house, 5½ by 8 feet, provided he shall first obtain and file in this office the consent of the lessee of the upper half of said pier, said house to remain during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, requesting to be informed if any reason exists why the penalty of $50 per day for non-delivery of the granite within the time specified in the contract with Davis Tillson, should not be imposed and deducted from the amount still due the contractor, the time fixed in the contract for the full delivery of the granite being July 1, 1875, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state, in reply, that the granite referred to was delivered to the Department as rapidly as the requirements of the work demanded, and to its entire satisfaction, and that, had the deliveries of the granite been made more rapidly than

they were, it would have involved a very large additional expense in the Department in handling the material received.

A communication was received from William J. Tyler, stating that his vessel lying at the foot of Corlears street, East river, could not proceed with the discharging of her cargo, owing to the presence on the bulkhead of an engine-house owned by W. B. Smith & Sons, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report on the facts of the case.

A communication was received from Superintendent McConkey, stating that the bulkhead between Piers 45 and 46, East river, was in need of repairs, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify the owners of said bulkhead to make the necessary repairs thereto without delay.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in accordance with the directions of the President, as to the repairs needed to be made to the wharf at Castle Garden and the Pier at Randall's Island, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to examine and report as to what leases, if any, have been granted by the City for the dock property in question, and the provisions contained therein in reference to keeping the premises in repair.

The following notices of claims against the contractors for erecting sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river:

Prentice & McIntyre	$79 50
Patrick H. Lydon	1,206 60
Patrick H. Lydon	973 00
Patrick Smith	81 50

Also, assignments from Patrick H. Lydon to Marshall Lefferts, Jr., of his two claims for $1,206.60 and $973, and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file, viz.:

From C. L. Wright & Co.—In reference to leasing new Pier 46, North river.

From Finance Department—As to balance to the credit of the Department of Docks.

From Treasurer of the Department of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements from September 14 to 21.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending September 18.

The representatives of Messrs. Austin Baldwin & Co., agents of the State Line of steamers, appearing before the Board, and making application for the lease of new Pier 46, North river, and for the temporary use thereof, and being heard at length,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the State Line Steamship Company to occupy the north side of new Pier 46, North river, from and after this date

until the 6th of October, 1875, inclusive, for the uses and purposes of said company, provided the said company shall pay to this Department wharfage at the rate of $30 per day.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, instructions had been given to the Engineer-in-Chief to cause such dredging to be performed in the slip adjacent to the south side of Pier 19, East river, as will secure a depth of water at low tide of ten feet,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Finance Department requesting to be informed as to what action has been taken by the Department of Docks in reference to the subject of having repairs to piers, etc., made by contract, where the cost is estimated to exceed in amount the sum of $1,000, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Comptroller in reply and to state that the policy of this Department is now and has been for some time past to have all work of the character referred to performed by contract, in accordance with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, under date July 14 last.

Commissioner Dimock, Chairman of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to the condition of the bulkhead wall lately constructed on the North river water-front by this Department:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS—OFFICE OF ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
NEW YORK, September 16, 1875.

To Hon. HENRY F. DIMOCK, *Chairman Executive Committee:*

SIR—Immediately after my appointment to the position I now hold in this Department, I received a communication from the Executive Committee, calling my attention to certain reports received by said Committee in relation to the Canal street section of the bulkhead-wall, and requesting "that you will make a most thorough investigation and examination as to the character of the work performed and the manner of constructing the section of wall referred to, and report to them in writing the result, and your opinion in regard to the construction of said wall."

In accordance with the above, I have made constant examination of the Canal street section, and have also examined the King street section, which was built upon the same plan and principle, and have devoted as much time as possible to this subject consistent with my other duties. The examination of these walls has taken much time, because the greater part of them lies under water, and had to be examined by means of divers in armor; and although I have not yet been able to make so complete an examination as I wish to, I have ascertained certain facts in regard to them, which I deem it my duty to lay before you at the earliest possible moment.

The Canal street section embraces 90 feet of wall, completed before my appointment, and in front of which new Pier 34 was also built before my arrival on the field, and about 90 feet more in progress of construction at that time. Upon examining the method of the work, I found it necessary to at once make several changes in the details; and although feeling a lack of confidence in the principle of construction, I decided to allow this portion

of the wall under construction to be finished, taking care that the method of doing the work and the details should be such as to secure a good result if the principle admitted it.

The general plan of construction was as follows: The mud was dredged out on the site of the wall to about 20 feet below mean low water. Round piles were then driven for the wall to rest upon, by means of a follower, to such depth that the heads or tops were about 14 feet below mean low water. A box or wet caisson was then constructed around the round piles, to give shape to the concrete and prevent the cement from being washed away before it had time to set. This caisson was built by driving square piles about 8 feet apart and placing shutters or panels of plank between them. It was not intended to shut out the water, but to prevent currents from washing the concrete, and to give the concrete shape and hold it in position until it had become hardened or "set."

The spaces between the round piles were then filled-in with small stone, to about sixteen feet below mean low water, the outside of the caisson being embanked at the same time and to the same height with rip-rap stone.

The interior of the caisson was then filled with concrete, lowered through the water in a box, and deposited by opening the box near the bottom and allowing the concrete to fall out upon the small stone lying between the piles and upon and around the piles, to the height of about twelve feet, or two feet two inches below mean low water.

At this point the top of the concrete was leveled to receive the first or bottom course of the granite facing, which was then laid course by course to the top of the wall, the concrete backing being also raised to correspond with the courses of granite as each was laid.

Having taken care by instructions as to details, and by sending Diver McDonald down under water to place every box of concrete in its proper position as it was lowered under the water, I examined the wall already built under new Pier 34. Passing under the pier in a boat, I found that all the square piles of the caisson had been removed, but only three of the shutters or panels, or about twenty-three feet out of ninety. All the other shutters were jammed against the face of the wall by a mass of rip-rap stone, piled against them to an average height of about seven feet below mean low water. They never had been removed, and the face of the wall has never been properly examined, nor can it be until the stone and panels are removed.

The stone lying against them are too large to be moved by the divers (they estimate some of them to weigh nearly a ton), and some device with steam power must be used to remove them.

Upon questioning Diver McDonald as to the examinations made by divers of the face of the wall, he informed me that he had made all the examination under water up to date, and they consisted of an examination of only one panel (about eight feet) out of ninety feet of wall built and lying under the pier; that on this one panel he had found the face of the concrete wall good, smooth and hard, for about six feet down from the bottom of the granite, but below that the concrete had fallen away from the mass, and the face curved in, and back from where it should be, till it reached the piles, when it just covered the second row of piles from the front (a distance of over two feet), and leaving the front row of piles bare of concrete and useless, not supporting the wall in any way. By the falling off of this outer bottom face of the wall, its tendency to rotation or rolling over is vastly increased, and especially so when the earth filling or embankment is placed behind it. In this particular case, however, the pier being built against the face of the wall will probably prevent any such disaster.

I directed Diver McDonald to go down and carefully examine as much of the face of the wall as he possibly could. He did so, and reported to me that the three panels near southerly side of the pier were all that he could get at; one of them he had examined before, and they were all, extending over a distance of 22 or 23 feet, in the same condition of the one previously examined and above described.

This is all that has been examined of that part of the wall under new Pier 34. The removal of the rip-rap stone in front of the remainder of the wall will be a work of some time. Its condition may be better than that part examined, or may be worse.

That part of the wall directly north of new Pier 34, being under construction, was completed to the level of the base of the coping. On August 25 a crack was discovered just north of new Pier 34, and upon applying the instruments, it was found that the wall had settled about ¾ of an inch at a point 78 feet from north side of the pier, and proportionally between said point and the crack, and that it had moved out or westwardly at the same point about the same distance.

Two shutters or panels were taken up on the face of the wall, about 60 feet north of the Pier, and the Diver, McDonald, sent down to examine. He reported the face of the wall good, smooth and hard for 10 feet 8 inches down from base of granite; from that point down, the small rip-rap stone, intended to be placed between the piles and not higher than two feet below their tops, lay under the concrete, and extended down to the tops of the piles and below the tops of the piles between them. These stones were wedged between the overlying mass of concrete and the top of the piles, so that at this point the weight of the wall rests upon a pile of broken stones lying on top of and around the piles. This condition of things is not due to the principle of construction, but is directly contrary to it, and is the result of carelessness in doing the work. A diver should have been sent down to remove the stone and see that they were in proper position before the concrete was deposited. No more panels have been taken up as yet at this point.

The total extreme settlement to date is 12-100 of a foot, the movement outwards 9-100 of a foot.

The Diver, McDonald, has also examined about 40 feet of the rear of the wall at Canal street, and found it in pretty good order. From the rear, however, a piece of concrete about 3 feet long, 12 inches to 15 inches wide and 6 inches thick, had fallen off, and was brought up by him. This piece is all that has been obtained as yet from below low-water mark. It is a very poor specimen of what concrete should be; there is very little cement to be seen in it, and it has so little cohesion that it broke into several pieces by being rolled over, and could be readily crumbled and broken to pieces by the hand. It is preserved in the Canal street office.

The King street section, 180 feet long, was completed as it now stands before my accession to the office; it was built on the same general principle as the Canal street section, but much more care has evidently been taken in its construction and details than at Canal street section. Diver McDonald was kept under water and tripped every box of concrete and saw that it was placed in its proper position. Its faults and failures are, therefore, in my opinion, due to its being constructed on a wrong principle. This wall was first examined in three panels of its face by Diver McDonald—one panel near the southerly end, one at the northerly end, and one about the middle of the section. Mr. Kid, Assistant Engineer in charge of the work, also went down in armor and examined the same three panels. They reported the two

southerly panels smooth and soft, but at the northerly panel the concrete face of the wall had fallen away from top to bottom, to a depth into the face of the wall of from nine inches to fifteen inches, and that the concrete was soft where the face of the wall had fallen away. This wall having been recently completed, I suspended the removal of the panels for several weeks, in order to give the cement time to set if it would do so.

All the shutters or panels on the rear of the wall were then removed and most of those on the front. Diver McDonald went down and examined the wall, panel by panel, coming up and reporting the condition of each one before going to another. He reported the whole of the concrete wall soft, so that he could pull out stones with his hands, and various imperfect places, but not of great depth except in one or two places, including the above mentioned. I then sent for Diver Gillihan, employed at the Battery, and directed him to go down and examine the whole face of the wall, front and rear, where he could get at it. His report agrees generally with that of McDonald. He describes the softness such that he could dig into the wall almost anywhere by pulling out the stones of the concrete with his fingers and that he did so dig in about eight or nine inches.

He differs about the details of roughness and holes in the concrete wall, and it must be remembered that the diver is unable to see anything while under water (on account of the foulness and muddiness of the water), and his examination can only be made by feeling with his hands under water and in total darkness. A complete agreement of reports of examinations made under such circumstances is therefore not to be expected.

In regard to the plan of driving piles to such depth that their heads should be fourteen feet under low water mark, by a follower, and placing concrete upon them without cutting off or squaring their tops, I thought it impossible that any piles driven so hard as they must be for such a purpose could be in a fit condition to bear the weight of the wall. I therefore procured a pile-cutter and had the heads of the piles just driven at Clarkson street section cut off at a depth of about fifteen feet below low water.

The result proved as I had anticipated. The pile-heads, as they came up, when sawed off, were split into several pieces, broomed up, and damaged so as to be unfit for bearing any weight whatever. A record was kept of each pile-head, showing the position of the pile from which it was cut, and its condition as to being split or broomed up.

The proportions were—one-half in very bad condition indeed, one-sixth in bad condition, and the remaining one-third of the whole in passable order. The pile-heads were all saved, and can be seen at Clarkson street, and also at Canal street, south of new Pier 34, where they have just been cut off in similar manner, and with same result. There is no doubt, whatever, that the pile-heads must be cut off in all cases, before placing any weight upon them, to a good and solid part of the pile, so that the wall may rest upon a firm and solid bearing.

The facts ascertained in my examinations thus far as described above, and consisting principally of the softness and want of cohesion of the concrete in the King street section, the falling off of whole panels to the depth, on the face of the wall, of from 9 inches to 15 inches from top to bottom, the falling off of the lower half of wall to the depth, on its face, of 2 feet at the Canal street section, and the condition of the piece of concrete brought up from the rear of the Canal street section, indicate clearly that the plan of building the wall of concrete placed under water "en masse," "in situ," cannot be relied upon to produce a permanent,

stable, and durable wall; and I am under the necessity of recommending at least the suspension, if not the entire abandonment, of such plan.

No wall has been built upon this plan since my accession to office, except that part of the Canal street section begun before I was appointed, and since then completed. The work of building the bulkhead wall is now suspended by my orders, and I shall desire to have the approval of the Board of my action.

In consideration of the fact that this plan of building the wall is highly commended in the report of the late Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, dated 1st June, 1875, and that such report has been made public, and extracts from it printed in the newspapers and in "Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine," I beg leave to suggest to the Board of Commissioners, through your committee, the propriety, for the justification of the Commissioners and myself, of calling to our assistance the united wisdom and experience of disinterested engineers, to examine the condition of that portion of the wall referred to in this report, and advise what remedy, if any, should be applied to it.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. GREENE, JR., Engineer-in-Chief.

The President then presented for approval and adoption, a communication addressed to his Honor the Mayor, in reference to the subject matter of the foregoing report, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
NEW YORK, September 22, 1875.

Hon. W. H. WICKHAM, *Mayor:*

SIR—The undersigned, Commissioners of the Department of Docks, have the honor to transmit herewith report of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, in which is detailed the result of examinations made of sections of the sea-wall now nearly completed at Canal street and King street, North river. We invite your careful attention to this report, and to the following brief narrative:

The original plan for the construction of the sea-wall, devised by General McClellan, the then Engineer-in-Chief, is known as the beton block system, which consists of the formation of massive concrete blocks, formed in molds, and manufactured in the open air, in such sizes as the nature of the work demanded. These blocks when properly hardened, were lowered by the aid of the large floating derrick to a foundation of piles firmly driven, and then sawed off so as to form an even bed. An example of this system of construction is found at the Christopher street section.

In the month of July, 1873, General Charles K. Graham was appointed Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, in place of General McClellan, who had resigned.

It appears from the records of the Department, that in the month of October, 1874, with a view to more economy in the construction of the sea-wall, the Engineer-in-Chief recommended to the Board as a substitute for beton blocks, that concrete en masse should be formed upon a foundation of piles in a wet caisson, the concrete being lowered to its place within the caisson (by appropriate machinery), in tilting buckets, and then left to harden into a solid mass. The heads of the piles were not cut off after being driven.

In the month of November following, our predecessors, by formal resolution, adopted the recommendation of General Graham, and ordered the work to proceed which was done, and about 347 feet were constructed.

For particulars concerning this system of bulkhead wall construction, see report of General Graham, herewith inclosed.

The new Board of Commissioners was organized on the 2d day of May last, and on the 2d of June following, General Graham resigned the office of Engineer-in-Chief, and as soon as practicable, his successor, George S. Greene, Jr., was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The attention of Commissioners being called to possible defects in this method of construction, the subject was referred for investigation to the Executive Committee, who directed the Engineer-in-Chief to make a careful examination of the work, and report the result.

The difficulties attending the examination in turbid water, and the results thereof, are explained in the Engineer-in-Chief's report. The examination has proceeded far enough to excite in our minds very grave apprehension as to the safety of that portion of the wall covered by the report.

If our apprehension should be well founded, we desire to avail ourselves of such remedy as the combined wisdom of the highest authorities may be able to suggest. This is not only due to the great interests of the city, but it seems also just that individuals who may be considered responsible for the work should have the advantage of the fullest and fairest examination of it, by a body of men of such capacity and character that their decision shall be accepted by all. We have, therefore, thought it desirable to have an examination of the wall covered by this report made by three engineers of the first eminence, and to invite their suggestions as to the remedy to be applied, if any is thought necessary by them.

That we may secure the utmost impartiality in this investigation, we have deemed it proper to request your Honor, as the Chief Magistrate of the City, to name three suitable persons for this purpose.

Very respectfully,

S. H. WALES,
H. F. DIMOCK,
JACOB A. WESTERVELT, } Commissioners of Docks.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the said communication be approved and adopted, and signed by the Commissioners of this Board, and transmitted by the Secretary, together with a copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 29, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held September 22, were read and approved.

A communication was received from H. W. Fisher and others, to have small offices removed from bulkhead adjoining Pier 12, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock to examine and report.

A petition was received from William H. Decker, for permission to erect lumber derrick on the bulkhead, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to William H. Decker, to erect a derrick on the bulkhead owned by him between the foot of Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, North river, to be used for hoisting yellow pine timber, and to remain on said bulkhead during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Emigration, requesting the removal of dumping-board from Pier foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river, also a remonstrance from taxpayers and residents of the Twelfth Ward, against the retaining of said dumping-board in that locality, and being read, were

On motion, referred to President Wales to examine into the matter and report to the Board.

A communication was received from Phelps and Kimpland as to charge for storing dock piles in their basin, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform them, that as they declined to receive on storage any piles of yellow pine, that this Department could not avail itself of the offer, as the piles for which room was desired were all of that quality.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief stating that at present there appears by a survey just made to be a depth of ten feet at low water in the slip adjacent to the south side of Pier 19, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Mason, lessee of west side of Pier 19, of the facts as above, and that a depth of 10 feet at low water is all that the Department agreed to give at the time the lease of said pier was sold.

A petition was received from Maurice J. Walsh, for permission to place a guy on the bulkhead foot of Corlears street, East river, to support a derrick, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Police Department as to sunken barge at foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, and stating that the owner, Mr. Teneyck, had promised to have her removed, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to notify said owner to remove the obstruction without delay.

The report of the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to the same subject, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

The following claims against the contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, were received, and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee :

J. F. Dunner, $10.00.

Chester Williams, $31.87.

John Gillon, $23.50.

William Campbell, $24.00.

William H. Montgomery, $18.00.

James Gillon, $31.50.

Oliver Standberg, $70.00.

A communication was received from William Jay Haskett, waiving charge of $50.00 for damage included in bill rendered for damages done to steamer "Redfield" by tug "Louis," and being read,

On motion, the Auditing Committee was requested to audit a bill in favor of the owners of the steamer "Redfield" for the sum of $314.30, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Haskett that the bill as amended will be duly audited and forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

On motion, the communication from Mr. Haskett, dated September 20, was taken from the table and placed on file.

The Secretary reporting that since the last meeting of the Board, permission had been given by the Commissioners to Murphy and Nesbit to drive five or six piles in front of the bulkhead east of the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, and that the Transatlantic Steamship Company had been authorized to place a small forge on new Pier 43, North river, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, and to make openings in the shed for the insertion of stove pipes used in heating their offices,

On motion, the several actions of the Commissioners was approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Hanover Insurance Company—Stating that no extra premium will be charged for placing small forge on pier.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 25th instant.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to quality of sample of Taylor's American cement.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks, September 25.

From Finance Department—Approval of sureties to contract of Jas. D. Leary for 1,000 tons of coal.

From Finance Department (circular)—In reference to fees and moneys received by officers of City Government.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and disbursements from September 21 to 28.

The following reports were received from the Executive Committee:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief relative to the dredging required in slips adjacent to Pier 46, North river, and having examined the lease under which Williams & Guion now occupy said premises, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Williams & Guion, lessees of Pier 46, North river, be and they are hereby notified that the lease under which they now occupy said pier stipulates that no part of the cost of dredging the adjacent slips is to be assumed or paid by the Corporation, and that in consideration thereof this Department declines to dredge said slips as requested.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Frederick Habkemeier, lessee of Pier at Little Twelfth street, North river, for a reduction of rent for said pier, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Frederick Habkemeier, for a reduction in the rent for Pier at Little Twelfth street, North river, be and the same is hereby denied, and that he be and he is hereby notified to execute the lease for the said pier without further delay, as requested by resolution of this Board adopted August 18, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of D. W. C. Ward, for permission to place a grain hopper on the bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river, and the lessees of said bulkhead having filed their written consent to the said encumbrance, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to De Witt C. Ward to erect on the bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river, a grain hopper 6 feet by 12 feet, subject to removal at the pleasure of this Board.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent Fitzpatrick, reporting that a large hole needed to be repaired at Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs to render the pier safe and fit for use.

Superintendent Smith, reporting that the Pier foot of Twentieth street, North river, was in a condition dangerous to travel,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report what repairs are necessary to be made thereto.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from Charles K. Graham, requesting that he be furnished with copy of his communication to the Board October, 1874, in reference to plans recommended for Canal and King street sections, and being read,

On motion, the request was granted, and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy of the communication referred to.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, submitting form of proposal and contract for furnishing cement, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to brace-rods and turnbuckles being furnished under the contract with Messrs. Callmeyer & Dambmann, which expired August 5, 1874, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to take no further action relative to the supply of brace-rods and turnbuckles being furnished under the contract with Callmeyer & Dambmann, until otherwise advised by this Board.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the rent to be paid by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey for the south half of Pier 14, North river, and bulkhead between Piers 13 and 14, occupied by it during the pleasure of this Board, be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) per annum, instead of $16,000 as provided for in resolution adopted by this Board on 11th of May last.

On motion, the communication from said railroad company, dated September 4, in reference to the rent of said premises, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Henry H. Anderson, attorney for William C. Rhinelander, executor, be and he is hereby requested to inform this Board the lowest price for which he will sell and transfer to the City the title to the upper half of Pier 33 and the lower half of Pier 34, North river, claimed to be owned by said Rhinelander, for the uses and purposes set forth in the communication from this Department, under date August 10 last, and further that he be requested to advise this Board without delay in event of his determination not to fix terms for the transfer of said property.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be and he is hereby respectfully requested to issue a call for a meeting of said Commissioners at the earliest date possible, in order that the subjects before them in reference to the purchase of wharf property, and alterations in the plans of certain piers transmitted by this Department, may receive prompt action at their hands.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he is hereby requested to examine and report as to what reduction, if any, in the force employed in handling the dock-piles stored at Weehawken can be made, without detriment to the service.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 6, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, This Department, on or about June 1, 1875, entered into an agreement with the Erie Railway Company, as per resolution adopted by this Board on July 14, to lease for a term of years certain wharf property to be constructed on the new plans as adopted by this Department on the North river, located in the vicinity of the premises at the foot of Chambers street, North river, now occupied by said company for ferry and terminal purposes, and

Whereas, It is the intention of this Department to erect in front of the 560 feet of bulkhead included in said lease, three new piers of the dimensions hereinafter stated, and to be located upon the lines not laid down on the plans for that district of the water-front heretofore adopted by this Board and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby respectfully requested, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 738 of the Laws of 1872, to consent o and approve of the following changes in the width and location of the proposed piers, as hown on the accompanying diagram, to wit: That the line of new Piers 19, 20 and 21, as aid down on the map prepared by this Department and approved by the Commissioners of e Sinking Fund on April 27, 1871, be changed and annulled, and that in place thereof be ubstituted the lines for three new piers, to be also designated as Piers 19, 20 and 21, and to e of the following dimensions, to wit: Pier 19, 600 feet by 60 feet ; Pier 20, 596 feet by 100 eet ; Pier 21, 589 feet by 100 feet ; the northerly line of proposed Pier 19 to be about 48 eet north of the northerly line of Pier 19 now established ; the southerly line of Pier 20 to be istant about 160 feet from the northerly line of new Pier 19, as proposed to be established, nd the southerly line of Pier 21 to be distant about 200 feet from the northerly line of Pier o, as proposed to be established.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 6, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held September 29 were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee :

From Herman Gelpcke—For a lease of upper half of Pier 18, East river.

From Henry H. Anderson, attorney for W. C. Rhinelander—Declining to fix price for ale of upper half of Pier 33 and lower half of Pier 34, Harlem river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to material which it is desirable to dispose of at auction.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the President:

From C. L. Wright & Co.—For a berth at new Pier 46, North river, for steamer "Colombo."

From Police Department—Protesting against the removal of the dumping-board erected at One Hundred and Tenth street, North river.

From Police Department—Enclosing protest citizens Twelfth Ward against the dumping-board erected at One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river,

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to removal of granite foot of Bogert street, North river.

A communication was received from W. H. Custance, in reference to retaining shanty on the bulkhead adjoining Pier foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Dock Superintendent directed to examine and report as to the location of said building, by whom owned, and for what purpose used.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to repairs necessary to be made to Pier foot of Twentieth street, North river, and the cost thereof, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and Mr. Farrington, lessee of said pier, invited to call upon the Commissioners in reference to his lease of the premises.

A communication was received from Joseph Conway, Inspector of Dredging, in reference to obtaining permission to dump ashes taken from Department tugs on Police Department scows, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President application had been made to the Police Department, as required, and that the necessary permits had been obtained,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting copies of laws relating to the Department of Docks, if any compilation of the same had been made, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, the said Counsel had been advised that no other compilation of the laws relating to this Department had been made except as embodied in the Manual issued by the Board, and that he had been furnished with copies of the same,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

Seven statements of claims against the contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, were received from the following named persons:

Patrick H. Lydon, on behalf of workmen	$798 37
John Entwistle, " "	20 00
George W. Phillips, " "	23 75
Michael McGrath, " "	35 50

Francis Goostry, on behalf of workmen	$25 63
John D. Hughes, " "	28 00
Thomas Ambrose, " "	400 00

And being read, were

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication was received from Superintendent Butler, as to amount due for wharfage from steamer "Plymouth Rock," for use of Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, and being read, and the President reporting that he had arranged with the owners of said steamer, to pay at the rate of $5.00 for each landing made at said pier,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from John L. Bliss, desiring to hire for about thirty days, two of the Department dredging machine scows, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to report as to whether the work now in progress will admit of said scows being spared.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 2.

From J. W. Boyle—Consenting to placing watch-house on Pier 56, East river.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending October 5.

The Superintendent of the Houston Street Ferry appearing and making application for permission to make certain minor repairs to the ferry slip,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Houston Street Ferry Associates to drive piles, and make from time to time such other repairs as may be necessary, in order to keep the racks, bridge and other parts of the temporary slip south of the foot of Houston street, East river, now occupied by the said ferry, in a good and serviceable condition ; but it is understood that the granting of this permission is not to be taken or accepted by the said Associates in any way or manner, as permanently locating or establishing the said ferry slip.

The President reporting that Mr. Teneyck, who was notified by this Department, as the owner of the canal boat sunk at Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, to remove the same, had called and stated that he was not the owner of said boat, but had hired the same for the removal of ashes, etc., and that the owner of said boat not being able to raise her had abandoned her,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to remove or cause to be broken up the barge sunk at the foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, the owner thereof having abandoned the same.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Henry Baxter to call upon the President in reference to his proposition to make collection of wharfage at Pier foot of Eighty-sixth street, East river.

The President here stated that he had, in company with Commissioner Dimock, attended a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held this day, and that the applications of this Department, dated September 1 and October 6, asking their consent and approval of certain changes contemplated in the location and dimensions of new Piers 19, 20 and 21 and of new Pier 42, North river, had been acted upon, and the alterations recommended by this Department to be made in the lines of the piers as above had received the approval of said Commissioners.

The specification and form of contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for the building of new Pier 42, North river, on the site of old Pier 50 were,

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the specifications for the construction of new Pier 42, North river, as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have prepared a proper form of contract, and proposals printed inviting bids for doing said work, in accordance with resolution adopted September 1 last.

The specifications as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for furnishing the Department with 5,000 barrels of English Portland cement, were

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the specifications as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for furnishing the Department with 5,000 barrels of English Portland cement, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare a proper form of contract and have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for furnishing said material inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully informed in reply to his circular letter dated September 21 last, in reference to fees, percentages and commissions received by officers of the City Government which should be paid into the City Treasury, that no fees, percentages or commissions are received by any of the officers or employees of the Department of Docks, and that an account of all moneys received by the Treasurer of the Department is prepared weekly, and the whole amount so received paid over to the City Chamberlain, to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and his receipt taken therefor.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The following communications were,

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, further action on the matters to which they severally relate not being deemed necessary.

From Abraham Ackerman—Requesting to be reinstated as Foreman Carpenter, having recovered his health.

From Charles E. Appleby—To build stone bulkhead and fill-in water-front at Fifty-seventh street, North river.

From Department of Health—To have slips between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth, and Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, North river, dredged.

From W. B. Dunley—For permission to drive piles and erect house at bulkhead adjoining upper side Pier 36, East river.

From Erie Railway Company—Accepting terms of memorandum for lease of premises foot of Chambers street, North river.

From M. Goodwin—In reference to the rent of bulkhead foot of Thirty-ninth street, East river.

From Gilbert & Snape—In reference to condition of slip foot of Forty-ninth street, North river.

From C. B. Kid and James Guthrie—In reference to the repairs necessary to be made to the tug "Alert."

From Engineer's Department—As to filling-in water-front between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, North river, by C. E. Appleby.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to patterns belonging to Department at works of Cobanks & Theall.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Stating that 750 barrels of cement are required for use to August 1.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to granite yet to be delivered by Davis Tillson.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Suspending Anthony Morgan (Carpenter), from work.

From Knapp & McCord—To retain two grain hoppers on Pier 9, East river.

From Henry A. Peck—As to dirt deposited adjacent to Pier foot of Thirty-eighth street, East river.

From S. F. Randolph—As to dredging slip between Piers at foot of Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, North river.

From Suburban Gas-light Company—Declining to accept provisions of resolution adopted June 30.

From James Stokes—To erect bulkhead between Fifty-eighth and Sixtieth streets, East river.

From Smith & Co.—In reference to occupancy of bulkhead foot of Corlears street, East river.

From C. L. Wright & Co.—For permission to erect shed on Pier 44, East river.

From J. J. Yates & Co.—To fill-in water-front between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, North river.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from W. H. Parkin, in reference to furnishing Department with Portland cement made by the Wouldham Cement Company, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

A communication was received from Handren & Ripley, offering to furnish an eight-inch valve for $125, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the question of granting to Mr. John H. Starin the use of the upper half of Pier 6 and all of Pier 7, East river, temporarily or by lease, at the rate of $7,500 per annum, be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 12, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have examined the following claim or bill, and finding the same correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment :

S. L. Merchant & Co., assignee of contract of John Gillespie, cement, $10,482.49.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 13, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held October 6, 1875, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, requesting to have dock piles removed from floating baths at West Eleventh street and East Fifth street, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to remove the piles driven for the protection of the floating baths at foot of West Eleventh street, North river, and Fifth street, East river, in order that the Department of Public Works may remove said baths from the premises named.

A communication was received from Z. L. Oppenheimer, lessee of Pier foot of Fifty-third street, East river, to have stones removed from in front of end of pier, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the facts of the case.

A petition was received from David Jones, for permission to extend and repair his bulkhead foot of Thirty-eighth street, East river, and being read was

On motion, laid on the table, and the petitioner requested to submit his grant of the premises for examination.

A communication was received from Schultheis & Mensing, offering to supply 2,000 barrels of Portland cement to the Department, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report.

A communication was received from Thomas Patten and E. D. Brown, for permission to erect a platform in front of the bulkhead between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock for examination and report.

A petition was received from Edgar Williams and others, to have additional wharf facilities provided on the Harlem river, and being read, was,

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to request Mr. Williams to call on the Commissioners in reference to the same.

A communication was received from Charles K. Graham, in reference to proposed examination of bulkhead wall by the Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Mayor, and stating his intention to call upon the several Engineers, etc., engaged in the Department in said work to testify before said Commissioners, and requesting that said Engineers be directed to appear when called upon, etc., and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners, Mr. Graham had been advised that it is the belief of the Commissioners of this Department that it is their duty to only permit such evidence and facilities as may be required by the Engineers appointed, as they shall progress with their examination, etc.

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Company, stating that the Croton water-pipe supplying new Pier 43, North river, had broken, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report as to the remedy for he evil complained of.

A communication was received from E. Gillett, as to the merits of hydraulic lime of Teil, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that no dredging machine mud scows could be spared without serious inconvenience to the work of the Department, and eing read,

On motion, the application of John L. Bliss to hire two scows for the space of thirty days ras taken from the table and the application denied.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From C. L. Wright & Co.—Accepting terms fixed as wharfage for North side of new Pier 46, North river.

From Clerk of the Common Council—In reference to supplying Department with copies of Fifth Annual Report.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Requesting to be furnished with copy of contract with Dunham & Co. for furnishing dock piles.

From Department of Finance—As to balance to credit of Department October 9.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed for week ending October 2.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending 12th instant.

A communication was received from the Manhattan Real Estate Association, requesting that copy of lease of Department offices be filed at the Department of Finance, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners a copy of the lease referred to had been transmitted to the Finance Department, as requested by said Association,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication placed on file.

A petition was received from S. V. Tripp for permission to drive piles on south side of Thirty-fourth street, North river, and erect platform and railroad tracks, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to S. V. Tripp to drive piles and place thereon railroad tracks, commencing at the junction of high-water mark with the northerly side of the pier, owned by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, at the foot of Thirty-third street, North river, and running in a curved line northwestwardly to and along the southerly side of the elevator owned by said Tripp, and situate at the southwesterly corner of Thirty-fourth street and the westerly line of the Twelfth avenue, extended, as per plan on file in this Department; said piles to be driven under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to remain during the pleasure of this Board, provided said Tripp shall first obtain and file in this Department the written consent of the owners of the land under water upon which said piles are to be placed, to the contemplated work.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the application of David Tracy, lessee, for reduction of rent on piers leased by him owing to insufficient depth of water thereat, and the Engineer-in-Chief having had a survey of the premises made, and reported that dredging to a considerable extent is necessary, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause such dredging to be done at the following-named premises as may be necessary to obtain a depth of 10 feet at low water, to wit:

On North river, at Piers at foot of Thirtieth, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Forty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets.

On East river, at Piers 51, 52 and 53, and at foot of Third street.

On Harlem river, at Pier at foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and that he be and he is hereby further directed to employ, so far as practicable, the entire dredging force of the Department, in order that the work may be finished at the earliest date possible, and that he report to the Executive Committee the date on which dredging is completed at each of the above-named premises.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to disposing of old material, etc., at auction, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare and advertise, as required by law, a schedule of all old material and useless articles in the possession of the Department, and that the said property be disposed of at public sale at such place or places and in such manner as the President of this Board may direct.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from Henry H. Anderson, attorney for William C. Rhinelander, executor, declining to name price for sale of the parts of Piers 33 and 34, North river, claimed to be owned by said Rhinelander, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully directed to take legal proceedings to acquire for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, as provided in subdivision 4 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, the northerly half of Pier 33 and the southerly half of Pier 34, North river, claimed to be owned by William C. Rhinelander, executor, and who had declined to name a price therefor, the said premises being required by this Department in the work of construction under the new plans adopted for the permanent improvement of the water-front.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained unanimously adopted.

The following communication was received from his Honor the Mayor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 9, 1875.

Hon. SALEM H. WALES, *as President Dock Department :*

SIR—In compliance with the request made by the communication addressed to me by the Commissioners of the Dock Department on the 22d ultimo, to name three suitable persons to make an examination of a portion of the sea wall in that communication mentioned and now partly constructed, I hereby name General John Newton, United States Engineer, General Q. A. Gillmore, United States Engineer, and William C. Worthem, Civil Engineer, for the purpose, and I am glad to inform you that those eminent engineers have consented to make the necessary investigations and to report the facts with their opinions and advice as to the work.

I have requested them to proceed as rapidly as is possible with a proper regard for thoroughness.

They will communicate with you in a day or two.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

—and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Generals Gillmore and Newton and Mr. Worthem to proceed with as little delay as possible in the proposed examination of the bulkhead wall lately constructed by this Department at Canal and King streets, North river.

The Secretary reporting that since the last meeting of the Board, by direction of the Commissioners, the following action was had, viz.: That Messrs. Austin Baldwin & Co., had been granted permission to occupy the north side of Pier 46, North river, until 14th instant, under the same terms and conditions as contained in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 22d ultimo. That Messrs. Charles L. Wright & Co. had been granted permission to occupy the north side of new Pier 46, North river, during the pleasure of the Board, provided they agree to pay, as wharfage, $30 per day for the use thereof. That the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to suspend all employees at Canal and King street sections, who are not required for work in hand, and to observe as a rule that all employees whose services are not required must be suspended. That the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to drive piles for the foundation of the bulkhead wall to be constructed in the rear of new Pier 42, North river, beginning at the southern termination of that portion of the Christopher street section which is now completed. That the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to prepare proper forms for the use of each division of the daily work of the Department, and that returns be made every morning by each Superintendent in charge, of the number of men employed, hours of service and the nature of the service rendered, and that each Superintendent will be held to a rigid accountability for the manner in which the work is performed; and that John Henry Baxter had been authorized and directed to collect all wharfage which may accrue for the use of the Pier foot of Eighty-sixth street, East river, and pay over the sums so collected to this Department, retaining to his own use ten per cent. on the amount so collected for such service. This privilege to continue during the pleasure of the Board, and directing him to enter into a bond of $500, with two sureties, for the faithful performance of his duties.

On motion, the action of the Commissioners in the several matters as stated was unanimously confirmed.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address communications to Messrs. Charles L. Wright & Co. and Austin Baldwin & Co., stating that several parties desire to lease new Pier 46, North river, from the Department, and requesting them to inform the Board how much per day they will agree to pay for the occupancy of the whole of said pier, such occupancy to terminate at the pleasure of the Board.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to report what supply of granite is necessary for the work of the Department, now in progress, and whether it is necessary to enter into a contract for a further supply.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

Communications were received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to cost of painting portions of interior of sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table, and the President requested to obtain an estimate for doing the work from each of the following-named parties : P. J. Moran, David Clark, and William Bogardus' Nephews.

The Committee appointed on the reorganization of the Department presented the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the salary of the Bookkeeper of the Department be and is hereby reduced from $5,000 to $3,000 per annum, to take effect October 15.

Resolved, That the salary of the Clerk to the Auditing Committee be and is hereby fixed at $2,000 per annum instead of $1,500 as heretofore, to take effect October 15.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 20, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $14,450.85, the principal items being $1,055.00 for cutting off piles under water, $1,053.88 for ropes, $1,281.50 for coal, $1,122.00 for hose, $3,160.53 for broken stone, $3,519.90 for repairing Pier at Thirty-seventh street, East river ; and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 20, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meetings held 12th and 13th instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction, requesting that repairs be made to the dock at Randall's Island ; and being read, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the Commissioners, the repairs had been made as requested,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the Commissioners approved.

A communication was received from Superintendent McConkey, as to repairs needed to be made to westerly side of Pier 12, East river, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, said repairs had been ordered to be made,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A petition was received from Fred. C. Oakley, for permission to erect coal derricks on the bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Fred'k C. Oakley, lessee of part of the bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, to erect thereon two masts with swing gaffs, for the purpose of unloading coal boats; to be placed under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from W. O. Stoddard, tendering his resignation as Clerk to the Engineer-in-Chief, and being read,

On motion, said resignation was accepted, to take effect this date, and the Secretary directed to express to Mr. Stoddard the Board's high appreciation of his valuable services, the perfect accord in which he has maintained his relations with the Commissioners, and their regret that his private business affairs compel him to sever his connection with the Department, etc.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the petition of M. J. Walsh to fasten a guy to the bulkhead foot of Corlears street, in order to sustain his derrick, erected at the corner of South and Corlears streets, reported that he had examined the premises and would recommend that the petition be granted.

On motion, the petition of M. J. Walsh was taken from the table and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to M. J. Walsh to fasten to the bulkhead foot of Corlears street, East river, a guy, to sustain the derrick erected by him at the junction of Corlears street and South street, said guy to be placed under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief, so as not to interfere with the free use of said bulkhead, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A petition was received from James W. Elwell, for berth for ship "Carrier Dove," to receive cargo of cotton, south side of new Pier 46, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to James W. Elwell to place at the south side of new Pier 46, North river, the ship "Carrier Dove," in order to receive her cargo of cotton, he having agreed to pay as wharfage for said ship the sum of $11.07 per day.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 16.

From Department of Finance—As to amount to credit of Department October 16.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to condition of Croton water supply pipe on new Pier 43, North river.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending October 19.

On motion, the communication from the General Transatlantic Company, in reference to he condition of the Croton supply pipe on new Pier 43, North river, was taken from the table .nd placed on file.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from R. J. Cortis, agent White Star Line, for leave to substitute Thomas E. Broadway as surety on his lease in place of John Walsh, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Mr. Cortis and Mr. Broadway requested to wait on the President in reference to the subject.

A communication was received from Edward L. Donnelly, agreeing to bid a certain rent for part of Pier 6, Pier 7 and bulkhead, in case same are offered at auction, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from Isaac Coleman, for position in the Department of Docks, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Committee on Reorganization.

The following communications were received, read and

On motion, placed on file.

From Austin Baldwin & Co.—For a lease of new Pier 46, North river.

From Herman Gelpcke—Offering to bid $7,000 for upper side of Pier 18, East river, if put up at auction.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to supply of granite needed for work of the Department.

The President, to whom was referred the subject of the painting certain interior portions of the shed on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, reporting that he had received estimates for doing the work from the following named parties:

William Bogardus' Nephews, shed on Pier 43, $450; shed on Pier 46, $345.

P. J. Moran, shed on Pier 43, $640; shed on Pier 46, $520.

David Clark, for sheds on both piers, $958,

—and that he had awarded the work of painting said sheds to William Bogardus' Nephews at the price named by them, they furnishing the lowest estimate.

On motion, the communications from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of painting portions of interior of sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, were taken from the table and placed on file, and the action of the President in the premises approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That leases for the following piers and bulkheads for the term of two years and five months from December 1, 1875, containing the usual covenants and conditions be disposed of at public auction to the bidder who shall offer as rent therefor the largest sum over and above the amounts as fixed herein for each separate parcel of wharf property.

Upper half of Pier 6, and bulkhead between Piers 6 and 7, East river, $2,500.

Pier 7, East river, $5,000.

Westerly half of Pier 12, East river, and 102 feet 6 inches of bulkhead adjoining, $3,500.

Upper half of Pier 18, East river, $7,000.

Bulkhead between Piers 18 and 19, East river, $250.

Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, excepting outer end and berth on south side for school-ship, $1,500.

Pier foot Seventy-ninth street, East river, $400.

Pier at One Hundred and Seventeenth street, East river, $300.

Pier at One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, reserving street dump, $500.

Pier at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, $150.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may be disposed of when prepared in proper form, and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to make arrangements with William Kennelly, auctioneer, for the sale of the above leases, and cause notice of said proposed sale to be inserted in the papers designated by law.

A communication was received from J. S. McLean, relative to occupancy of bulkhead foot of Morton street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid upon the table.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 25, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have examined the following claims or bills, and finding them correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transfer the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount to the Finance Department for payment.

Lederle & Co., successors to Lederle, Wessely & Co., plans for sheds	$1,732 00
John Dunn, repairs to tug "Louis"	1,122 86
J. W. Van Dewater, furniture, etc.	414 34

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 27, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held October 20, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Lombard, Ayres & Co., for permission to fill-in and erect a new bulkhead and pier between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, North river, and having examined certified copies of the water grant and deed referred to in the accompanying resolution, the Committee have in accordance with the power vested in them adopted the following resolution, and request that their action be confirmed.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Lombard, Ayres & Co. to erect between the centre lines of Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, North river, extended, and easterly of the proposed east line of Twelfth avenue, a new bulkhead in front of the premises now occupied and claimed to be owned by them, and to fill-in with clean and proper filling, between the existing bulkhead and the new bulkhead proposed, provided they shall construct such return bulkheads as may be necessary to retain said filling, and also to erect on piles a good and substantial pier, extending from the centre of said new bulkhead westerly 200 feet by 60 feet in width, provided that said Lombard, Ayres & Co. shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice file in this Department their written acceptance of all the terms and conditions contained herein, and agree to construct said bulkheads and pier upon lines to be designated by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department; to do the said work of construction and filling-in under the supervision of the said Engineer-in-Chief, and that in case the City shall at any time require for its own use the premises to be hereby reclaimed, to remove the said bulkheads and pier if required so to do without claim of any kind whatsoever against the City consequent upon such removal, or for the cost of or damage to any structures or other improvements which may have been erected thereon by permission of this Department; and that it is understood and agreed that the said premises when filled in shall be subject to all the conditions and covenants contained in the water grant made by the Mayor, etc., to John Paine and James Phalen, under date of December 20, 1852, filed in Register's Office in Liber 621, page 489, and in the deed made by the Mayor, etc., to William Tilden, William T. Blodgett and Daniel C. Blodgett, under date May 18, 1868, filed in Register's Office in Liber 1068, page 116, and that the permission and privileges hereby granted shall not be considered or construed as vesting in said Lombard, Ayres & Co. any other right or title to or in the said premises than they may now be legally possessed of, by virtue of the said grant and deed.

On motion, the report was accepted and the action of the Committee confirmed.

A communication was received from Superintendent Butler, stating that repairs should be made to the Pier foot of East Twenty-third street, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to have the necessary repairs made,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from W. W. Parkin, offering 800 barrels Wouldham Portland cement, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to forward to Mr. Parkin blank form of proposal now being advertised for by the Department for supplying 5,000 barrels cement.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, requesting that original lease of Department offices be filed in the Department of Finance, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the original of said lease had been transmitted to the Finance Department as requested,

On motion, the communication was placed on file, and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from the Police Department, stating that repairs are required at the dumping-board foot of Laight street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to report as to the nature and cost of the repairs.

A communication was received from W. R. Sherman, for permission to erect signs on Pier 18, North river, leased by J. H. Starin, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the permission to erect said sign had been granted to remain during the pleasure of the Board, provided the written consent of Mr. J. H. Starin, the lessee of said pier, be obtained and filed in this office.

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

From M. J. Lydon—Stating amount due him for services in erection of sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From Henry Wengenman—Statement of claim of $46 against contractors for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

A communication was received from R. Cornell White, for permission to erect a small shed on Pier 22, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Morrisania Steamboat Company, to erect on the southerly side of Pier 22, East river, subject to the regulations and under the authority of the Superintendent of Buildings and the Department of Docks, a roof of iron or other metal to cover the sidewalk for a width of 6 or 8 feet, from the northerly side of the Union Ferry Company's premises to the shed on the end of said pier, said roof to be used as a protection to the passengers of said steamboat company, and to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the depth of water in the slip 'oot of Fifty-third street, East river, and being read,

On motion, the petition of Z. S. Oppenheimer, lessee of said pier, was taken from the :able and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause the slip adjacent to the Pier at the foot of Fifty-third street, East river, to be dredged to such depth as will obtain 10 feet at low water, said dredging to be done in accordance with his report on the condition of said pier and slip, under date 27th instant.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From White Star Line—In reference to ship occupying berth on south side of new Pier 46, North river.

From Charles L. Wright & Co.—As to the occupancy of south side of new Pier 46, North river, and rights of Harbor Master.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—Consenting to driving piles between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, North river, by S. V. Tripp.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 23d instant.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments week ending 26th instant.

A communication was received from the Police Department, as to the space required by the boats of the Street Cleaning Bureau, at the south side of the Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Secretary directed to inform Mr. Thomas Patten, who has applied for permission to erect a pile platform in the slip south of said pier, of the facts of the case.

The weekly report of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the nanufacture of such number of beton blocks as will be necessary to continue the work of onstruction of the bulkhead wall at the Christopher street section, North river.

The President reporting that Mr. Cortis, agent of the "White Star Line," had called in ompany with Mr. Broadway in reference to the substitution of the latter in place of John E. Valsh, as surety on the lease of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, and that from all e could learn Mr. Broadway appeared to be fully qualified to become a surety on said lease,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Cortis that before action can be aken by this Board in reference to releasing Mr. Walsh as surety on the said lease, the con- ent thereto of the remaining surety, Mr. Harry Conrad, must be had in writing, and filed in he Department.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, desiring to be informed as to the amount of force employed, works in progress, contemplated, etc., and being read was

On motion, referred to the Secretary to prepare a draft of a reply which shall cover the enquiries made.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Steamship Company, transmitting for approval plans for shed to be erected on new Pier 42, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the plans submitted this day by the General Transatlantic Steamship Company, for shed to be constructed on proposed new Pier 42, North river, be and the same are hereby approved, subject to the approval of the Engineer-in-Chief.

A communication was received from Austin Baldwin & Co., requesting that steamship "State of Pennsylvania" be allowed to discharge and load at new Pier 46, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address communications to Messrs. Chas. L. Wright & Co. and Austin Baldwin & Co. requesting them to address proposals directed to the President of the Board, stating how much they would agree to pay per day for the occupancy of the whole of new Pier 46, North river, such occupancy to continue during the pleasure of this Board, and said proposals to be transmitted on or before Friday, October 29, at 12 o'clock M.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, permission had been granted to the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company to use the ferry property and slip at foot of Grand street, East river, for thirty days, during repairing of ferry premises adjoining on the north, provided the raising of the sunken bridge or float and all other necessary repairs to said property and slip be done at the cost and expense of said company, and that the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to issue strict orders to all subordinates in charge of the work of the Department, that the practice of permitting the men employed to carry off wood or old material must cease, as well as the breaking up and taking away of empty cement barrels,

On motion, the action of the President in the several matters was unanimously confirmed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for furnishing 5,000 barrels fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement), held November 3, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Three proposals for furnishing 5,000 barrels of fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement were received from the following named parties:

James Brand, $3.60 per barrel.

Francis Spies & Co., $3.44 per barrel.

S. L. Merchant & Co., $4.00 per barrel.

—and being read,

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, (provided the Comptroller shall advise this Department that Francis Spies & Co. are not in arrears or in default to the Corporation), That the contract for furnishing this Department with 5,000 barrels of fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement be and the same is hereby awarded to Francis Spies & Co., of No. 66 South street, their bid for furnishing said material being the lowest under proposals publicly opened November 3, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 3, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held October 27 and November 3, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports :

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from S. W. Bowne, relative to loss sustained consequent upon the Department taking possession of Pier 51, North river, under lease expiring 1st May, 1875, and the Counsel to the Corporation having recommended in writing that the Board decline to act in the matter and leave the parties claiming damages to bring an action against the City, if they shall be advised so to do, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That S. W. Bowne be and he is hereby respectfully notified that this Board declines to entertain any claim for damages sustained under a lease for the southerly half of Pier 51, North river, made to Joseph Ketcham and others, under date 25th April, 1865, consequent upon the said premises having been taken possession of by the Department under a written notice served on or about October 9, 1873, in conformity with the requirements of said lease.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Edwin M. Brown, lessee, for permission to surrender the leases of five piers purchased by him at auction, and expiring 1st May, 1878 ; and the said lessee having refused to execute the leases, and declared his inability to furnish security or pay the rent for the term for which he bid, and the Counsel to the Corporation having advised in writing that the Board may lawfully accept a surrender of the premises, if satisfied that the lessee cannot pay the rent therefor, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Edwin M. Brown be and he is hereby notified that this Department will accept the surrender by him of Piers at foot of Fifth and Twenty-eighth streets, and 46 and

60, and upper half of 62, East river, and will relieve him from all liability for rent thereof, from and after 1st November, 1875, provided, the said Brown shall pay to the Treasurer the amount of rent accrued to that date, together with the amount of all wharfage, etc., collected at the said premises from that date to the date of surrender, a verified statement of which collections to be furnished at the time of making said payment.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from Handren & Ripley, relative to furnishing tug "Manhattan" with an eight inch Kingston valve, and the Counsel to the Corporation having advised in writing that the Board have the right and power to incur such expenditure for fire apparatus as may be necessary, in their opinion, to protect the wharf property owned by the City from loss by fire, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer in charge of Floating Property be and he is hereby directed and empowered to take such action as may be necessary, in order to furnish the tug "Manhattan" with an 8-inch right angle screw Kingston valve, complete and in working order, in conformity with the particulars and terms as stated in the communication of Handren & Ripley, dated October 5, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

4th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief on estimate and specifications for making repairs to Pier 8, East river, only one-half of which is owned by the Corporation, and the Counsel to the Corporation having advised in writing, that the Department may lawfully proceed to make a contract for such repairs by public letting, provided, the private owners will unite with the Department in making such repairs, and consent to pay one-half of the expense incurred, and the said private owners having filed a written agreement to make said repairs under a joint contract with the Department, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have prepared in proper form, blank proposals for making repairs to Pier 8, East river, the contract to be entered into jointly with the parties owning one-half of said pier, and that the necessary advertisement for receiving said proposals be inserted in the newspapers designated by law.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

5th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief on systems proposed for lighting piers as suggested by resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on August 12, 1875, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit to the Board of Aldermen, in compliance with the resolution adopted by said Board, at meeting held August 12, 1875, a copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, on systems proposed for lighting piers, together with a list of all piers which are now lighted and a list of piers owned by the Corporation, showing those which are leased and the date of expiration of such leases.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

Communications were received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction as to the bad conditions of the docks at Randall's, Ward's and Blackwell's Islands, and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the cost of making the necessary repairs.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock to examine and report.

From Mangam & Brownell—For the removal of the derrick now on south side Pier 6, East river.

From Coal Dealers—To have the derrick now on bulkhead between Piers 5 and 6, North river, made a permanent one.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to repairs needed to dumping-board foot of Laight street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Company, stating that repairs are needed to the gas-pipe supplying new Pier 43, North river, and that the pile boxes now enclosed should be opened, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have said gas-pipe repaired and the pile boxes referred to opened.

A communication was received from the Health Department to have dock assigned to their use for the removal of dead animals, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Finance Department—In reference to certifying gas bills rendered to the Department.

From Louis De Bebian, Agent Compagnie Générale Transatlantique—In reference to lease new Pier 42, North river.

From Captain of the Port—Agreeing to keep slip south side of Pier 50, North river, free from vessels, as per request of Department.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 30.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments week ending November 2.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

Proposals were received from C. L. Wright & Co. and Austin Baldwin & Co., for lease of new Pier 46, North river, during the pleasure of the Board, the former offering $60 and the latter $55 per day; and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the Commissioners, the use and occupancy of said pier had been granted to C. L. Wright & Co., at the rate of $60 per day, and that the premises in question had been set apart by said Commissioners for the

special kind of business engaged in by transatlantic steamships from and after November 1, 1875,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the proposals placed on file.

A communication was received from the New Haven Steamboat Company, for a reduction of rent fixed for south side of Pier 25, East river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the rent to be charged to the New Haven Steamboat Company for south side of Pier 25, East river, and half of the bulkhead between Piers 24 and 25, from August 1, 1875, until otherwise ordered by this Board, be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of $5,500 per annum, instead of $7,000, as per resolution adopted by this Board May 11, 1875.

A communication was received from Chas. L. Wright & Co., in reference to their occupancy of new Pier 46, North river, and requesting bill be rendered for same, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Bookkeeper directed to render bills for wharfage, as requested.

A communication was received from the White Star Line, enclosing consent of Harry Conrad, surety on their lease, to the substitution of Mr. Broadway in place of Mr. Walsh, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare the necessary papers to allow of the proposed substitution of surety without in any manner invalidating the obligation of the remaining parties to the bond attached to said lease.

The quarterly report of the operations and actions of the Department, for the three months ending September 30, 1875, as prepared by the Secretary, being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to his Honor the Mayor.

The Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to cause the necessary dredging to be performed in the slip at the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, to accommodate the school-ship berthed thereat; and that the General Transatlantic Company had been notified to remove the balance of the shed now remaining on old Pier 50, North river, and that a failure on their part to comply will be deemed an abandonment of said shed, and the same will be removed by this Department, and used for its own purposes,

On motion, the action of the President in the matters referred to was approved.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Messrs. D. D. & Tunis Smith to immediately remit to this office the sum of $3,050, being the amount of rent due to November 1, 1875, on lease of northerly half of Pier 34, North river, or prompt measures will be taken to acquire possession of said premises.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners permission had been granted to Thomas Patten and E. D. Brown to erect a pile platform in front of the bulkhead adjoining the south side of the Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, East river, about twenty feet wide and about eighty feet in length, and also to construct a similar platform extending from

the present pile dock south of said pier eastwardly, about twenty-five feet in width, as per plan on file in this office, said platforms to be built under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, in such manner as not to hinder or interfere with the use of the south side of the pier foot of Forty-sixth street, East river, occupied by the boats and scows of the Street Cleaning Bureau, and to remain during the pleasure of this Board ; provided, said Brown and Patten shall first file in this office an agreement to pay to this Department, as rent for the land under water covered by the said platforms, the sum of $50 per annum.

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication from Thos. Patten and E. D. Brown for permission to build said platform, and the communication from the Police Department, as to space required by the scows, etc., at the dumping-board foot of Forty-sixth street, East river, were taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion, the resolution adopted by the Common Council, in reference to information required concerning the lighting of piers, etc., was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as prepared by the President, on the improvement of the water-front of the City, was read and approved, and the subject of having five hundred copies of the same printed for distribution was,

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for construction of new Pier 42, North river), held November 8, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent— Commissioner Dimock and the Comptroller of the City.

After waiting half an hour for the Comptroller, the following proposals for the construction of new Pier 42, North river, were received : No. 1, H. V. and R. B. Sloat ; No. 2, T. & A. Walsh ; No. 3, Warren Roosevelt ; No. 4, Alfred P. Boller and W. F. Morgan ; No. 5, Alfred J. Murray ; No. 6, Henry M. Bogert and James Bagley ; No. 7, T. P. Richardson and Gallison ; No. 8, Peter Sandford and P. S. Reeves ; No. 9, James McIntyre, and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 10, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meetings held 3d and 8th instants, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of relaying the Croton water-pipe supplying new Pier 43, North river, and submitting estimate for doing the work, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the work of taking up and relaying the Croton water-pipe supplying new Pier 43, North river, in the manner recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief in his communication of this date, be and the same is hereby awarded to Matthew Thompson, for the sum of $212, and that said Engineer have the work proceeded with at once.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to nature and cost of repairs needed to Piers at Randall's Island, and being read,

On motion, the communication from the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in relation to the same subject, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the work of making the repairs to the Pier at Randall's Island, in accordance with his report, under date November 1, at a cost of about $373.90.

A report was received from Superintendent Butler, as to the small building on the bulkhead foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, and being read,

On motion, the petition of T. W. Custance, for permission to continue his occupancy of said building, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That T. W. Custance be and he is hereby permitted to occupy during the pleasure of this Board the small house on the bulkhead at the south side of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, he paying as rent therefor the sum of ten dollars per month, as stated in his petition of October 5, last.

A communication was received from D. D. and Tunis Smith as to rent due from them for part of Pier 34, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform the lessees that the arrearages of rent due from them must be paid to this Department within ten days from this date.

Commissioner Westervelt presented a report in reference to berth for offal boat applied for by Health Department, stating in relation to the request of the Health Department to have some other dock assigned to them than the one heretofore used for the purpose referred to, located at the foot of Forty-second street, East river, as said Department had been notified by the Department of Public Works that said dock cannot be used owing to improvements in progress at the foot of the street, that he had carefully examined the premises and finds that said dock is the only one available for the purpose in that vicinity, and that the improvements

ɜing made by the Department of Public Works do not prevent access to said pier, and being ɜad,

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to address communication to the Commissioner of Public Works suggesting that a conference be had ı the subject.

A petition was received from D. Phelan & Son, for permission to drive piles to strengthen ıe bulkhead foot of Stanton street, East river, and being read,

On motion, the request of the petition was granted.

A communication was received from William Rainer, Captain of Dredges, recommending ıat loaded scows be towed up the North river for dumping, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, the suggestion therein contained not being concurred in.

The following method of preparing pay-rolls was received from the Engineer-in-Chief:

"That the Time-keeper, or in case of detached gangs of workmen, the men who keep "their time, make an affidavit to the effect that the time of the various men returned is correct, "and that such affidavits be attached to the time lists."

"That the Bookkeeper who has charge of the pay-rolls certify on them, that the time is "correctly copied from the time lists, and that the rates of pay are correctly given, and that "extensions and footings are correct."

"That the Assistant Engineers and others in charge of the various works examine and "certify to such parts of the pay-roll as pertains to the work under their charge."

"That the pay-rolls then be approved by the Engineer-in-Chief, and laid before the "Board, together with the time lists, having the affidavits above referred attached thereto."

On motion, the same was approved and adopted.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to merits of cement offered for sale by Schultheis & Mensing, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Messrs. Schultheis & Mensing that the cement offered does not stand the test required by the Department.

A statement of claim of Joseph Schwab against contractor for building shed on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, was received, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Lombard, Ayres & Co.—Accepting terms of resolution adopted October 27 as to filling-in water-front between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 6.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department October 30.

From Finance Department—Stating that F. Spies & Co., contractors for furnishing cement, are not in default to the Corporation.

From F. Spies & Co.—Accepting award of contract for furnishing 5,000 barrels of cement.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending 9th instant.

The following statement was received from William Kennelly, auctioneer, of sale of leases of wharf property on 5th instant:

Account sales at auction made by the undersigned for Department of Docks, on Friday, November 5, 1875, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

Lot 1. Upper half of Pier 6, East river, and bulkhead between Piers 6 and 7, upset price $2,500, sold to E. L. Donnelly for $2,900.

Lot 2. Pier 7, East river, upset price $5,000, sold to David Tracy for $6,150.

Lot 3. Lower half of Pier 12, East river, and about 102 feet 6 inches of bulkhead adjoining, upset price $3,500, sold to David Tracy for $4,200.

Lot 4. Upper half of Pier 18, upset price $7,000, sold to Herman Geldpcke, $7,001.

Lot 5. Bulkhead between Piers 18 and 19, East river, upset price $250, sold to E. W. Youmans for $255.

Lot 6. Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, excepting outer end and berth for school-ship at south side of said pier, upset price $1,500—withdrawn.

Lot 7. Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, East river, upset price $400, sold to H. A. Tiederman for $410.

Lot 8. Pier foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, East river, upset price $300—withdrawn.

Lot 9. Pier at One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, reserving street dump, upset price $500, sold to H. A. Tiederman for $510.

Lot 10. Pier at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, upset price $150—withdrawn, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare leases in triplicate of the leases sold.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent Smith having reported that a sunken derrick obstructed the free use of the north side of the Pier foot of Twentieth street, North river,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have the same removed without delay.

Superintendent Butler having reported that Piers at the foot of Twenty-fifth, Seventy-ninth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets, East river, were in need of repair,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report the nature and cost of making the necessary repairs.

On motion, the following resolution, presented by Commissioner Westervelt, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine and report with as little delay as possible, upon the annexed plan or method of building a bulkhead on the North river water-front of this city, between Spring and Morton streets, particularly with reference to its practicability, economy, strength and such other matters connected with the subject, as he may think proper to make.

Outlines of a method or plan for building a bulkhead of stone, wood and other materials on the North river front.

First dredge on the line of the proposed bulkhead to a depth of about 18 or 20 feet below low water mark, and for a width of about 35 or 40 feet.

When this has been done drive piles, 8 in each row crosswise of the work; about 30 ıches between centres and about 36 inches between centres lengthwise of the work, and in ddition to this, drive piles as close as possible between the inner and outer row of piles a line with them.

The follower with which the piles are driven must be fitted with an iron socket to prevent heir heads from being injured in driving; they must be driven until a solid bearing is found, ınd be not less than 13 inches at butt and 8 inches at top end.

When they have been thus driven, saw them off about 14 feet below low water mark, space them properly, secure them there, and fill in the spaces between them with dock stone of such size as will readily find their way down between them, until they rise nearly to a level with the pile heads.

While this stone filling between the piles is being done, dredge the mud that will be forced out from between them by this stone filling on each side of them, and such other mud as may be outside of them, for a distance of about 25 or 30 feet from them, until a tenacious mud or clay bottom is found, provided it is found when a depth of 25 feet is obtained, if not, stop dredging at that depth.

Then throw in rip-rap inside and outside close up to the piles, until it rises up to a level with their heads, and when this is finished fill in the room left between the pile heads with concrete.

Have a vessel or floating structure built in a substantial manner of white pine and spruce materials, of dimensions to give sufficient room in the interior of her in which to build a concrete or stone wall, and as the width of the proposed wall on this plan will be about 17½ feet at the base on the piles heads, the vessel should be about 21½ feet wide on the outside and 21 feet deep, which would bring her when sunk down to her place on the pile heads about 2 feet above mean high water.

Moor this floating dock or structure in proper position to conform with the bulkhead lines and secure her there by driving 12 by 12 pine piles about 6 or 8 feet apart, close along her sides and ends, connecting her also with the piers and bulkheads nearest to her in such manner as to make her immovable except to the rise and fall of the tides.

A proper length for these structures or vessels between Spring and Christopher streets, would be about 88 feet, which would place one at the inner end of each pier and two between hem; such vessels could be built for about $2,750 apiece.

When the vessel has been properly placed and secured, the work of building the wall nside of her may be commenced, proper care being taken to distribute the materials in the vessel in a uniform manner, until such time as she is brought down by the weight of it to the oundation of the piles on which she is to rest.

When the wall is built up to high water mark (if desirable) remove the portion of the tructure surrounding the outside of it, which can be easily done, and made available for imilar or other purposes.

Six or eight rows of piles, about 4 feet apart, must also be driven inside of the wall, on hich to build a temporary platform, to facilitate the construction of the work, and also to id in resisting the pressure of the filling against the wall.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to repair the dock at Randall's Island, as requested by the Department of Public Charities and Correction, and that he had requested his Honor the Mayor, as Chairman of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to call a meeting of said Commissioners on Friday, the 12th instant, to take action on the purchase by this Department of Pier 44, North river, and that he had directed N. Weis to remove the brick encumbering the pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, East river, or a fine of $50 per day will be imposed for each and every day said brick shall remain on said pier after receipt of said notice,

On motion, the action of the President in the several matters was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 12, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration nine proposals for building new Pier 42, North river, and the Comptroller having advised that James McIntire is not in arrears or in default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contract for building wooden pier, to be known as new Pier 42, North river, and situated on site of old Pier 50, at foot of Morton street, be and the same is hereby awarded to James McIntire, of No. 229 Broadway, his bid for building said pier being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on November 8, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 18, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held November 10 and 12, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to damage done to new Pier 34, North river, by ferryboat "Newark," and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to repair the northwest corner of new Pier 34, North river, damaged on the 8th instant by the ferryboat "Newark,"

in accordance with his report thereon of the 10th instant, estimating the cost of said repairs at $100, and upon the completion of the work he forward to the Secretary a detailed statement of said cost, in order that a bill for the repairing of said pier may be forwarded to the owners of said boat for payment.

A communication was received from the National Line of steamers for permission to dock the steamer "France" at Pier 47, North river, stern in, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the permission had been granted,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from C. Smith, lessee, as to the need of dredging in slip between Piers 58 and 59, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause the necessary dredging to be performed in the slip between Piers 58 and 59, East river, to obtain a depth of 10 feet at low water, the lessee of said premises having advised this Department that there is not more than 5 feet of water in said slip at low tide.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, requesting that bids for building new Pier 42, North river, be transmitted to said Department, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners said bids had been transmitted as requested,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, in reference to the occupancy of the dock foot of Forty-second street, East river, for the removal of dead animals, offal, etc., and being read,

On motion, the communication from the Health Department, and the report of Commissioner Westervelt on the same subject, were taken from the table and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform the Department of Health that, in accordance with the information received from the Department of Public Works, no objection seemed to exist to the occupation of said dock as heretofore.

A communication was received from C. L. Wright & Co., proposing certain alterations in shed on new Pier 46, North river, in order to accommodate their vessels, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the petitioners had been advised that there were no objections to said alterations being made, provided the work was performed at their cost and expense, and under the supervision of this Department,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, in reference to new bond to be attached to lease of Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to request Mr. Cortis, the agent of said company, to call on the Commissioners in relation thereto.

60, and upper half of 62, East river, and will relieve him from all liability for rent thereof, from and after 1st November, 1875, provided, the said Brown shall pay to the Treasurer the amount of rent accrued to that date, together with the amount of all wharfage, etc., collected at the said premises from that date to the date of surrender, a verified statement of which collections to be furnished at the time of making said payment.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from Handren & Ripley, relative to furnishing tug "Manhattan" with an eight inch Kingston valve, and the Counsel to the Corporation having advised in writing that the Board have the right and power to incur such expenditure for fire apparatus as may be necessary, in their opinion, to protect the wharf property owned by the City from loss by fire, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer in charge of Floating Property be and he is hereby directed and empowered to take such action as may be necessary, in order to furnish the tug "Manhattan" with an 8-inch right angle screw Kingston valve, complete and in working order, in conformity with the particulars and terms as stated in the communication of Handren & Ripley, dated October 5, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

4th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief on estimate and specifications for making repairs to Pier 8, East river, only one-half of which is owned by the Corporation, and the Counsel to the Corporation having advised in writing, that the Department may lawfully proceed to make a contract for such repairs by public letting, provided, the private owners will unite with the Department in making such repairs, and consent to pay one-half of the expense incurred, and the said private owners having filed a written agreement to make said repairs under a joint contract with the Department, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have prepared in proper form, blank proposals for making repairs to Pier 8, East river, the contract to be entered into jointly with the parties owning one-half of said pier, and that the necessary advertisement for receiving said proposals be inserted in the newspapers designated by law.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

5th. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief on systems proposed for lighting piers as suggested by resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on August 12, 1875, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit to the Board of Aldermen, in compliance with the resolution adopted by said Board, at meeting held August 12, 1875, a copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, on systems proposed for lighting piers, together with a list of all piers which are now lighted and a list of piers owned by the Corporation, showing those which are leased and the date of expiration of such leases.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

Communications were received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction as to the bad conditions of the docks at Randall's, Ward's and Blackwell's Islands, and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the cost of making the necessary repairs.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock to examine and report.

From Mangam & Brownell—For the removal of the derrick now on south side Pier 6, East river.

From Coal Dealers—To have the derrick now on bulkhead between Piers 5 and 6, North river, made a permanent one.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to repairs needed to dumping-board foot of Laight street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Company, stating that repairs are needed to the gas-pipe supplying new Pier 43, North river, and that the pile boxes now enclosed should be opened, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have said gas-pipe repaired and the pile boxes referred to opened.

A communication was received from the Health Department to have dock assigned to their use for the removal of dead animals, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Finance Department—In reference to certifying gas bills rendered to the Department.

From Louis De Bebian, Agent Compagnie Générale Transatlantique—In reference to lease new Pier 42, North river.

From Captain of the Port—Agreeing to keep slip south side of Pier 50, North river, free from vessels, as per request of Department.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 30.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments week ending November 2.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

Proposals were received from C. L. Wright & Co. and Austin Baldwin & Co., for lease of new Pier 46, North river, during the pleasure of the Board, the former offering $60 and the latter $55 per day; and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the Commissioners, the use and occupancy of said pier had been granted to C. L. Wright & Co., at the rate of $60 per day, and that the premises in question had been set apart by said Commissioners for the

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward to the Engineer-in-Chief a list of all piers and bulkheads leased at public auction, whereby the Department stipulated to give a depth of water in the slip adjacent of ten feet at low tide ; and further, that the Engineer-in-Chief in all cases where dredging has not yet been performed in the said premises to proceed with the necessary work with the least possible delay.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That H. A. Tiedermann be and he is hereby informed that until he shall furnish suitable sureties to the leases purchased by him at public auction on the 5th instant, viz., for pier at Seventy-ninth street, East river, and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river, he shall be required to pay the rent due to this Department for said premises, quarterly in advance.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for making repairs to Pier 8, East river), held November 22, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt, and the Comptroller.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Five proposals for making repairs to Pier 8, East river (one-half of which is not owned by the Corporation), were received from the following-named persons :

No. 1. James Howard, $10,250.

No. 2. Joseph Walsh, $5,950.

No. 3. Richard Cronin and Daniel Dailey, $5,965.

No. 4. Warren Roosevelt, $5,700.

No. 5. George E. Richardson, $7,238.

—and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 24, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 18th and 22d instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to contracts for sand, rip-rap and broken stone, expiring 9th and 17th December next, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make requisition without delay for 1,100 cubic yards of 4-inch broken stone, about 1,000 cubic yards of rip-rap stone, and about 600 cubic yards of sand, necessary for the extension of the Christopher street section of the bulkhead wall, in accordance with his communication of the 22d instant.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of partially sheathing new Pier 34, North river, and recommending that the same be done, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, lessees of new Pier 34, North river, be and they are hereby advised, that it has become necessary as a measure of economy, that the middle of said pier for a width of 50 feet, together with the gangways at the ends should be sheathed, and that said company be and they are hereby respectfully requested to cause said work to be done at the earliest possible date.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Company, in reference to properly securing the doors in shed on new Pier 43, North river, and the Engineer-in-Chief having reported that said doors are liable to be blown out in case of a storm,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to place the doors in the shed on new Pier 43, North river, in such condition that any danger of their being blown out in the event of a storm will be obviated; said work to be performed in accordance with his report thereon of the 23d instant.

A communication was received from E. Gillet, as to the merits of hydraulic lime of Teil, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report upon.

A communication was received from C. A. Stoddard, in reference to the offering of the lease of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, at public auction on the 5th instant, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit to Mr. Stoddard a copy of the preamble and resolution adopted by this Board May 11 last, leasing the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river, to Mr. A. L. Soulard for the season, at a rent of $150, and to advise him that in all cases where wharf property belonging to the City is to be leased at public auction the Commissioners of Docks reserve to themselves the right to fix such upset price therefor as, in their judgment, may seem proper for the best interests of the City, and comment thereon, such as is contained in his communication, is deemed by them unnecessary and uncalled for.

A communication was received from James Wilson, Sergeant Ninth Precinct Police, stating there is a hole in Pier 48, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Superintendent of Docks for the district directed to notify the lessees of said pier to repair the same at once.

A petition was received from the residents of the Twelfth Ward, to have slip foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, dredged to a depth of 10 feet, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine the slip on both sides of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, and report what amount of dredging is necessary to be performed thereat to obtain a depth of 10 feet at low water, and also what deposits are in said slip in the nature of rocks, boulders or wrecks.

A communication was received from the Police Department, requesting that repairs be made to dumping-boards on the North and East rivers, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report upon.

A communication was received from John K. Murphy, copyist, for an increase of salary, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for his opinion thereon.

A communication was received from John Mechan, First Assistant Engineer, requesting an investigation by the Commissioners of Docks into the charges made against him by one Penn, before the Senate Committee of Investigation, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John Mechan, First Assistant Engineer of this Department, be and he is hereby informed in reply to his communication of this date, requesting an investigation into the charges make by one Penn before the Senate Investigating Committee against him of receiving commissions from Benoit & Wood, on supplies purchased by this Department, that this Board will hear any statements or evidence in relation to said matter that he may have to offer or present.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that the approach to old Pier 42, North river, be resheathed at a cost of $75, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to sheathe the connection between the street and Pier 42, North river, at foot of Canal street, at an expense of about $75, as recommended by him in his communication of 23d instant.

A communication was received from Thomas Cornell, for a lease of parts of Piers 33 and 34, North river, for the piers to be built under the new plans at that portion of the water-front, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

From Kiernan & Coyle—Statement of claim against contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From Malcom Campbell, attorney of contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river—Points in reference to contract, etc.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 20.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks November 20.

From Finance Department—Approving sureties to contract F. Spies & Co. for furnishing 5,000 barrels of cement.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Requesting description upper half Pier 33 and lower half Pier 34, North river, be sent him.

From General Transatlantic Company—Relative to construction of new Pier 42, North river.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending 23d instant.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the five proposals for making repairs to Pier 8, East river, and the agent of the private owners of the pier having advised that the price named by the lowest bidder is satisfactory to them, and the Comptroller having advised that Warren Rosevelt is not in arrears or default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contract for repairing Pier 8, East river (one-half only of which is owned by the Corporation of the City of New York), be and the same is hereby awarded to Warren Rosevelt, of 237 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, his bid for making said repairs being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on November 22, 1875.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. George Briggs, President of the New York Floating Dry Dock Company, to call on the President of this Board, relative to his claim for cost of dredging slips occupied by said company.

A communication was received from the Department of Finance, approving sureties of James McIntire to contract for building new Pier 42, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

Mr. John T. McGown appeared before the Board and was heard at length in relation to the petition of Edgar Williams and others, residents of the Twelfth Ward, for additional wharf accommodations on the Harlem river, and stated the urgent necessity for the same, owing to the increasing wants of commerce in that section of the water-front.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 1, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held November 24, ultimo, were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the application of Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees, for reduction of rent for Piers 19 and 44, East river, and new Pier 47, etc., North river, consequent upon delay of the Department in dredging thereat, and the Engineer-in-Chief having reported the dates on which dredging was completed at the several premises named, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be aud he is hereby authorized and empowered to allow a deduction of $730 from the rent now due, for the quarter ending November 1, 1875, from Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees of Piers 19 (lower side) and 44, East river, and new Pier 47 and bulkhead easterly, North river, in consequence of the Department having occupied the said premises for dredging purposes subsequent to May 1, 1875, the date on which the leases commenced.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

A communication was received from David Tracy for an allowance of rent due from him as lessee, in consequence of an insufficient depth of water at piers leased, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation enclosing an application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of acquiring title to the upper half of Pier 33 and lower half of Pier 34, North river, requesting the signature of the President of this Department thereto, and being read, and the President reporting that said application had been duly signed as requested, and transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that small repairs were needed to the Piers foot of Twenty-fifth and Thirtieth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address communications to A. Van Santvoord and David Tracy, lessees of said piers, requesting them to make said repairs without delay, in accordance with the covenants contained in leases of said premises.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief recommending that the salary of John K. Murphy, copyist, be increased to $10 per week, and being read,

On motion, said recommendation was approved and adopted, to take effect from and after December 1, 1875.

Application was received from John T. Murphy for permission to place a small fish stand on the bulkhead near Pier 23, East river, and being read, was

On motion, denied, and the application placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee :

From John Reilly—Claim against contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From John Fenton—Claim against contractor for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file :

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 27.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending November 30.

From Warren Rosevelt—Accepting award of contract for making repairs to Pier 8, East river.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to report to this Board a plan for the reorganization of the engineering force of the Department, together with such suggestions as he may deem expedient with reference to securing a greater degree of efficiency in the service, also what further reductions can now be made in the force without detriment to the service.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to procure copies of all testimony presented to the Senate Committee of Investigation (affecting the Department of Docks), now in session in this City, and that his action in the employment of a Stenographer in reference thereto be and the same is hereby approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to inquire into and report to this Board as to the expediency of continuing the present system of doing the dredging work of the Department, and whether such work may not be more efficiently and economically performed by contract with private parties, and also whether such work to be done does not come within the provisions of section 91, Charter 1873.

The weekly reports of Dock Superintendents being read, and Superintendent Fitzpatrick reporting that A. C. Cheney was employing horses to load or unload vessels on the Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, North river, without laying down a temporary platform, as required by

this Department, and that C. A. Miller was violating the same rule of the Department at Piers foot of Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets, North river,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. Cheney and Mr. Miller to call on the President in relation thereto.

Superintendent Smith reporting that Pier 22, North river, required to be resheathed,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. E. Van Volkenburg, lessee of said pier, to call on the President of this Board in relation to said work.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners he had advised David Tracy, Edward L. Donnelly, Herman Gelpcke and Edgar W. Youmans, who had purchased leases at public auction November 5 last, to take possession of the property leased on December 1, for the purpose of collecting wharfage, but said possession was not to prejudice the right of the Department to reenter said premises in the event of the failure of the lessees to execute the leases or to furnish satisfactory sureties,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

Two resolutions were received from the Common Council, the first adopted November 8, ultimo, requesting the heads of the several departments to reconsider their action, and restore without delay the wages of the public laborers to their former standard; the second adopted November 23, ultimo, requesting the heads of the several departments of the City Government to report to said Board at their next meeting if they intend to obey the order of said Common Council, making such increase in the daily wages of Laborers, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Common Council that this Board is advised and believes that the duty of fixing the compensation to all persons in its employ is devolved by law solely on itself, and that it cannot escape the responsibility the law imposes in this regard; and that in fixing the compensation for services of every class of its employees, this Board has been governed solely by the market value of such services, as nearly as it could be ascertained, and that this rule will continue to be applied, and that whenever the market value of such services as are referred to in said resolution shall in the judgment of this Board advance beyond the sum now paid by it, the rate to be paid for such services will be correspondingly increased, but until such time the price now paid will not be advanced.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that he deemed it advisable, if there were no objections on the part of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company or Mr. Conrad, one of the sureties to the lease of said company, to have an entirely new bond executed by the company, Mr. Conrad and Mr. Broadway, the last named gentleman to be substituted for Mr. Walsh, at present one of the bondsmen to said lease; and being read, and the President stating that he had conferred Mr. Cortis, the agent of said company, in relation to the matter, and that there were no objections to the bond being prepared in the manner stated by the Counsel to the Corporation,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare said bond, as suggested by him.

On motion, the communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, under date November 11, and the communications from the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, under date October 16 and November 1, in relation to said new bond, were taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the :orporation, advising him that certain leases of wharf property have been offered at public auc-:on and disposed of to the highest bidder, the terms of sale stipulating that the premises were to e taken by the purchaser in the condition they might be in at a date subsequent to the sale, and ·om which date the lease was to run, and that a clause in the printed form of lease prepared by ıe Law Department and adopted by this Board is to the effect that the lessee "shall and will, at all times and at their own expense, keep the slip hereby granted dredged, and will keep, put and maintain all the premises hereby granted and demised in good and sufficient repair and condition," and that the question has arisen as to whether, under this clause, the :ssee is required first to put the wharf property in good repair, and to keep the same there-fter during the term of his lease in good condition, or whether this Department is bound to ıake at its own expense such repairs to the premises as may be necessary to render them fit ɔr use, notwithstanding the conditions of sale were as above, and the lease has been signed ·ith the above clause, and to request his opinion as to the construction placed upon the said lause by the Law Department in preparing the form of lease.

Mr. Morris appeared before the Board, and stated at length his plan for the manufacture f beton blocks and use of cement under water, and being heard, was

On motion, requested to confer with the Engineer-in-Chief in relation thereto, and the :ngineer-in-Chief directed to meet Mr. Morris for this purpose at 2 o'clock P. M. of Thurs-ay, the 2d instant.

Mr. George Briggs, President of the New York Floating Dry Dock Company, appeared efore the Board in relation to his claim for cost of dredging the slip adjacent to the south side f Pier 43, East river, claiming that under the title held by him for the bulkhead south of 'ier 43, East river, he is entitled to the use of the water in front of said bulkhead and between iers 42 and 43, East river, and being heard at length, was requested to submit his title for kamination, together with any statement he may desire to make in reference thereto.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 3, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have examined the following claims or bills, and finding ıem correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same, together with proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment:

'oung's Stenographic Union—Report before Senate Committee.....	$182 50
:. O. Parsons—Report President S. H. Wales before Senate Committee.....	71 50
ames D. Leary, coal.....	1,268 08
	$1,522 08

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

A petition was received from Lefevre & Bodine, and others, for wharf accommodations in vicinity of Bethune street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 4, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have examined the following bill or claim and finding it correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment:

S. L. Merchant & Co., assignees of contract of John Gillespie, Portland cement. $4,887 28

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 8, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 1st, 3d and 4th instants were read and approved.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, for reduction of rent for ferry premises at foot of Christopher street, North river, to the extent of the amount claimed by the Comptroller for the franchise for said ferry, and the Counsel to the Corporation having given his written opinion against the right of the Department to make a reduction in rent in consideration of the ferry franchise, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company be and they are hereby informed and notified, in reply to their communication of September 3, 1875, requesting the concurrence of this Board to a deduction from the rent for the ferry premises at the foot of Christopher street, North river, to the extent of the amount claimed by the Comptroller for the franchise for the ferry occupying said premises, being two and one-half per cent. of the gross receipts of said ferry, that the Department will not execute the lease for the said ferry premises granted to the said Company on February 2, 1874, unless the said company consent to omit therefrom the following clause, to wit: "If at any time during the term of this "lease, the said lessees are compelled by process of law to pay to any other Department or "other officer of the City of New York, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty "of the said city, any sum for the franchises to use said property for the purpose of a ferry, "then the sum so paid shall be deducted from the amount of rent herein stipulated to be "paid by the said parties of the second part, as herein provided, for the use of the herein

demised premises," and that if the said company will not consent to such modification of ıe said lease, then the said company will be required to forthwith surrender to this Depart- ıent the wharf property at the foot of Christopher street, North river, belonging to the City, ; which the company has possession ; and further, that this action is taken in conformity to ıe written opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, now on file in this office ; and be it ırther

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board under date of February 6, 1874, hereby it was agreed to insert the above stated clause in the said lease be and the same is ereby rescinded and annulled.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the statement from rederick Habkemeier, of wharfage collected for six months to November 1, 1875, at Pier at ittle Twelfth street, North river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolu- on :

Resolved, That Frederick Habkemeier, lessee of Pier at Little Twelfth street, North ver, be and he is hereby informed and notified that no alteration has been made in the grade f the street in the vicinity of said pier since the date upon which he purchased the lease ıereof, and that the said lease must be executed and the accrued rent paid without further elay.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

An application was received from Austin Baldwin & Co. for a lease of new Pier 43, North ver, and Mr. Baldwin, of said firm, being present and urging the positive necessity of the ne of steamships which he represented having some permanent wharf accommodations,

On motion, the application was referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that thirteen ieces of granite coping be accepted from Davis Tillson as headers and stretchers, and being ad

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Davis Tillson be and he is hereby informed that this Department accepts s offer to sell the thirteen pieces of granite coping, in all about 1,235 cubic feet, now at the ast Seventeenth Street Yard, at thirty-nine cents per cubic foot, the Engineer-in-Chief having ported that said coping will make excellent headers and stretchers for the "A" course of e granite facing of the bulkhead wall.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the amount of dredging neces- ry to be performed in the slips foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, ıd being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to transmit an estimate the cost of doing said work.

An application was received from the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Com- any for a permit to dump clean ice and snow into the rivers, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the following piers and bulkheads be and they are hereby set apart as laces from which clean snow and ice removed from city railroad tracks and private premises

can be dumped into the rivers, viz.: On the North river, Piers 22 and foot of Eleventh and Seventeenth streets, and bulkhead north of Pier 41; on the East river, Piers 2, 23, 37, 56 and foot of Third and Twenty-third streets, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits in the usual form to parties applying for the same.

A communication was received from the Health Department, in reference to the dock foot of Forty-second street, East river, the use of which is demanded by the contractor for grading Forty-second street, and being read, and that the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners the Health Department had been advised that said dock had been set apart by this Department for the use of the contractor engaged in removing offal, and that there is no other wharf property belonging to the City, in the vicinity of the dock in question, which can be set apart as requested, and if the dock cannot be conjointly used by the said contractors, the contractor for grading East Forty-second street must seek wharf accommodations elsewhere,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

A report was received from Commissioner Westervelt as to repairs needed to dumping-boards on the East river, requested by the Police Department, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and approved, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause the necessary repairs to be made to the following named dumping-boards on the East river: At foot of Market street, at a cost of about $50; at foot of East Seventeenth street, at a cost of about $125; at foot of Forty-sixth street, at a cost of about $75; in accordance with report of Commissioner Westervelt thereon, and at the request of the Department of Police.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file:

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 4.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending December 7.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, ordered on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to clause in leases issued by the Department requiring lessees to make repairs, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and ordered to be copied in full in the Book of Opinions.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause an examination to be made of the bulkhead on the North river, adjoining the north side of new Pier 47, the lessees of the pier having notified this Department that the bulkhead has settled and requires immediate attention, and report what remedy, if any, is required to place the premises in proper condition, and the cost of doing the work.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the question of a modification of the bulkhead and pier lines on the East river, as adopted by the Department of Docks and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,

in order to reduce the width of South street as at present laid down, be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the President of this Board in purchasing at the request of the Engineer-in-Chief 1,006 small dock piles, to be used in the construction of the bulkhead wall, from Phelps and Kimpland at the price of $5.75 each, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, said purchases being made as follows : On November 6, 224 piles ; November 10, 71 piles ; November 12, 191 piles ; November 17, 227 piles, and November 22, 293 piles.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby requested to furnish to this Board at its next meeting a list of all claims and rents of wharf property in arrears due this Department.

Commissioner Dimock, to whom was referred on November 3, last, the petition of coal dealers to have the derrick situated on the bulkhead between Piers 5 and 6, North river, made a permanent one, and also the remonstrance of Mangam and Brownell against said derrick remaining on said premises, reported that he had examined the location in question, and had determined that said derrick was not an obstruction either to commerce or the free use of the bulkhead, and recommended that said coal dealers be advised that there were no objections to the derrick remaining during the pleasure of the Board, but as it is on private property this Board cannot grant permission that will protect them as against the owners or lessees of the property.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation offered adopted, and the Secretary directed to advise the parties in interest the conclusion of this Board.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to prepare a list of all wharf property unleased, also leases which will expire between this day and May 1 next, and list of piers which are occupied by parties holding over by consent of the Board, etc.

The President reported that since the last meeting of the Board he had granted permission to James W. Mott to discharge his canal boat at the bulkhead north of Pier 41, North river, provided said boat was taken in and out of the slip under the direction of Mr. Rogers, foreman, and that he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to proceed with the work of dredging the slips at Pier 7, East river, and lower half of Pier 12, East river, without delay, and had also directed the Engineer-in-Chief to detail Superintendent Guthrie to examine the district on the East river, between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Ninth streets, and report if a dumping board can be located at any of said points, and that he had requested an interview with the Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Mayor to examine the work of constructing the bulkhead wall at King and Canal streets, relative to said examination, and had submitted to said Commissioners a memorandum prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief requesting their opinion as to the system employed in said construction, and that he had concurred in the request of the Engineer-in-Chief, and desired that his action in the several matters herein referred to be confirmed.

On motion, the action of the President taken in the above named subjects was unanimously confirmed.

The following communications were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

From E. Gillet—Asking attention to merits of hydraulic lime of Teil.

From John Nesbit, lessee of Pier One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river—To have dredging done.

From Hoboken Land and Improvement Company—In reference to encumbrance placed at Christopher Street Ferry by Cross-Town Railroad Company.

From W. J. Tyler—In reference to engine house encumbering bulkhead foot of Corlears street, East river.

From W. W. Parkin—In reference to furnishing Department with cement made by the Wouldham Cement Company.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to removal of granite from Bogart street, North river.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 9, 1875.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

A communication was received from the Finance Department in reference to a substitution of surety on proposal of W. Rosevelt, for rebuilding Pier 8, East river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Board having been notified of the substitution by the Comptroller, under date of 8th December, instant, hereby consents that George N. Gardner, of 123 East Thirty-sixth street, be substituted as a surety in place of James Bigler, on the contract for making repairs to Pier 8, East river, awarded to Warren Rosevelt, on 24th November, 1875.

On motion, the communication from the Finance Department, in reference to the form of pay-rolls of the Department of Docks, was taken from the table and the form to be used hereafter as therein suggested adopted, and the communication placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 15, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the meetings held December 8th and 9th, was dispensed with.

A communication was received from the Police Department requesting to have repairs made to dumping-board foot of Forty-sixth street, East river, and the Secretary reporting that the Board at its last meeting had ordered said repairs to be made,

On motion, the communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, for permission to drive two clusters of piles in front of the bulkhead between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company to drive two clusters of piles in front of their coal yard, at the bulkhead between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, East river, for the purpose of mooring barges thereat, provided they file in this Department the written consent of the owner of said bulkhead to the driving of said piles, and agree to remove the same when so ordered to do, by this Board or its successor.

A petition was received from Patrick Grace, for a lease of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to report the cost of dredging the slips adjacent to said pier so as to obtain a depth of 8 feet at low water.

A petition was received from Jesse Ryder, lessee Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, for a reduction of rent accrued for said premises, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Jesse Ryder be and he is hereby informed, in reply to his petition for an abatement of rent accrued from him as occupant of the Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, owing to the approach to said pier being unfit for travel, that if he desires to yield up possession of said pier, this Department will consent thereto, but that no allowance or deduction from the rent due and payable from him can be made, as this Department has not, up to this time, been notified that the pier could not be used.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that he had appointed inspectors to supervise the work and materials under contracts for constructing new Pier 42, North river, and repairing Pier 8, East river, and requesting that his action be approved ; and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the action of the Engineer-in-Chief approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the amount of coal delivered to the Department under the existing contract and cost of inspecting the same ; and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to discontinue, on and after the 20th instant, the services of the person appointed to inspect said coal.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From Superintendent McConkey—Giving names of persons using hoisting horses on his district without providing temporary platforms.

From F. Habkemeyer—As to insufficient water at Pier foot of Little Twelfth street, North river, leased by him.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to settlement in new bulkhead adjoining north side new Pier 47, North river.

From Finance Department—Approving sureties to contract of Warren Rosevelt for repairing Pier 8, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 13th instant.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending 14th instant.

From Finance Department—Amount to credit of Department of Docks December 11.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from Matthew Foster, asking allowance for part of repairs to Pier at Perry street, North river, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of Matthew Foster, for an abatement of the rent for Pier at Perry street, North river, leased by him, consequent upon certain repairs having been made by him, be and the same is hereby denied.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have examined the following claim or bill, and finding the same correct, recommend that the Secretary be directed to transmit it, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment,

S. L. Merchant & Co., assignees of contract of John Gillespie, cement, being (ten per cent. retained) $1,724.98.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to plan for building a bulkhead wall on the North river water-front, in compliance with resolution adopted November 10, 1875.

From Treasurer of Department—List of persons who are in arrears to the Department for rent due, etc.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the damage done to new Pier 45, North river, by the steamship "Claribel," of the Atlas line, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to request Mr. Cortis, agent of he Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, lessees of said pier, to call on the Commissioners in relation thereto.

A communication was received from the Assistant Bookkeeper, as to amount for overtime claimed by carpenters employed by the Department, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of John H. Starin for a reduction of rent for platform between Piers 18 and 20, North river, now fixed at 2,500 per annum, by resolution adopted May 15, 1873; and the President and Commissioner Dimock having visited the premises, the Committee recommend the adoption of the ollowing resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to allow a eduction of $1,300 per annum, from and after November 1, 1875, from the rent for the land nder water between Piers 18 and 19, and 19 and 20, North river, leased to John H. Starin r the purpose of erecting a platform thereon, in conformity with resolution adopted by this oard April 30, 1873, as amended May 15, 1873, thereby making the rent to be paid by the id Starin for the said premises, from and after said November 1, 1875, $1,200 per annum, stead of $2.500 per annum, the allowance being made consequent upon said Starin having cupied only a portion of the land under water leased, and having surrendered to public use e easterly side of the premises occupied by him, to the extent of 25 feet, thereby widening 'est street at that point.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The Secretary reporting that since the last meeting of the Board the Engineer-in-Chief id, by direction of the Commissioners, been directed to repair the dumping-board at foot of ickson street, East river, at a cost of about $100, and to suspend until further orders the ork of dredging the slip on the north side of Pier 7, East river, as requested by the Erie ailway Company, lessee of Pier 8, East river,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners in the premises was confirmed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 16, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum f $24,015.42, the principal items being $3,565.71 for granite, $1,758.27 for lumber, $2,724.82 epairs to floating property, $5,784.50 for piles, $3,481.33 for repairs to scows, $793.00 paint-

ing sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, $1,412.05 for sand, $1,226.40 for broken stone, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 22, 1875.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 8th, 9th and 15th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee:

From Morris and Essex Railroad Company—For a lease of Pier 48, North river.

From Treasurer of Department—Statement of unleased wharf property and leases which will expire between present date and May 1 next.

From John Newton, Q. A. Gillmore and W. E. Worthen—Preliminary report on condition of bulkhead walls at Canal and King streets, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to cost of dredging slips at foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river.

On motion, the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, under date of December 4, in reference to the condition of the slips at foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, and the petition of the residents of the Twelfth Ward to have said slips dredged, were taken from the table and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from A. J. Thomas, assignee of E. E. Morgan's Sons, giving notice of a meeting of the creditors of said firm, to be held January 27, next, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation, and request him to take such action as will protect the interests of the City.

A bill or claim of $96.11 was received from the City of Hoboken, for taxes on piles stored at Weehawken, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to examine the tax books of said city and report the reason of said charge being made, and said bill laid on the table.

A communication was received from W. N. Radenhurst, Clerk to Engineer-in-Chief, tendering his resignation, to take effect January 1, next, and being read, was

On motion, accepted.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that Arkadie Ziraginzeff, Engineer to the Russian Government, desired to be furnished with copies of certain

drawings, tracings, etc., and that the estimated cost of preparing said copies would be $225, and requesting to be informed as to what action he should take in the matter, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Engineer-in-Chief to deliver to Mr. Ziraginzeff the tracings, etc., requested by him upon the payment of the cost thereof.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From John Parsons, agent private owners Pier 8, East river—Approving appointment of James Sheridan as Inspector under contract for repairing Pier 8, East river.

From Treasurer of Department—Receipts and payments for week ending 21st instant.

From Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company—Enclosing consent of owners of bulkhead between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, East river, to driving of piles.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Enclosing new bond to be attached to lease of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 18th instant.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It appears from a report of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department that to dredge the slip on either side of the Pier at the foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, so as to give a depth at low water of 10 feet, will involve an expenditure of $1,160, the lease of said pier having been purchased by David Tracy at an annual rent of $350; be it therefore

Resolved, That David Tracy be and he is hereby informed that this Department agrees to a surrender, on his part, of the lease purchased by him on the 31st March, 1875, of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, for the term of three years from May 1, 1875, there not being a sufficient depth of water thereat.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the work of repairing the end of new Pier 45, North river, damaged by steamer "Claribel" of the Atlas Steamship Line, as recommended by him in his report dated December 13, at a cost of about $600, and that an accurate account of the cost of doing the work be kept and forwarded to this Board when said repairs are completed.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from Callmeyer & Dambmann, relative to furnishing balance of iron material under their contract with the Department, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, declining to consent to a modification of their terms of lease for ferry premises foot of Christopher street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the statement of the Treasurer, showing the rents charged for docks and slips remaining unpaid December 15, 1875, and they recommend as a partial report thereon the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to inform this Board, with as little delay as possible, of the present condition of the following-named claims for unpaid rent, charged for use of wharf property, which have, from time to time, been placed with the Law Department for collection by suit, and to advise what action, if any, is necessary to be taken by this Board in order to secure as early a settlement of the several claims as possible, to wit:

William Bradley, for Piers at Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, North river, claim	$9,750 00
John Darron, for Pier at Forty-seventh street, North river, claim	1,200 00
Daniel D. Wylie, east half Pier 7, East river, claim	2,500 00
Jonas Sonneborn, for Pier at Ninety-sixth street, North river, claim	1,500 00
John G. Haviland, for Piers at Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, North river, claim	14,441 25
Jeremiah J. Austin, for east half Pier 6 and West half Pier 7, East river, claim	9,750 00
Making a total amount of	$39,141 25

—and be it further

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to take such proceedings as may be necessary to obtain an early settlement of the following claims for unpaid rent, charged for the use of wharf property, to wit: Against Joseph Ketchum and others, for part of Pier 51, North river, for $375; against R. E. Allen & Co., for part of Pier at Laight street, North river, for $375; and that attention is called to an opinion of the said Counsel to the Corporation, dated October 22, 1875, having reference to the first of these claims; and that the Bookkeeper be and he is hereby directed to prepare a full statement of each of these claims for transmission herewith by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to notify the following named parties, that unless the rent now due by them, for use of wharf property, is paid without further delay, the Counsel to the Corporation will be instructed to commence immediate proceedings to collect, by suit, the claims against them, respectively, to wit:

William H. Brown, for Piers at Broome and Delancey streets, to May 1, 1875	$1,375 00
D. D. & T. Smith, for north half Pier 34, North river, to November 1, 1875	3,050 00
General Transatlantic Company, for Pier 50, North river, to November 1, 1875	6,200 00
Herman Hastorf, for Piers at Forty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, North river, to November 1, 1875	1,020 00
John Nesbit, for Pier at One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, to November 1, 1875	85 00
A. M. Pentz, for Pier at One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, to November 1, 1875	220 00

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause such dredging to be done as may be necessary to obtain 10 feet depth at low water at Pier 61 and bulkhead north of Rivington, and at south side and outer end of Pier at Thirty-eighth street, East river, all being premises leased to H. A. Peck & Co., and who refuse payment of rent therefor until the dredging shall be completed.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 5, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 16 and 22, 1875, were read and approved.

A communication was received from F. Broege, lessee of Pier foot of Fifty-first street, North river, in reference to a canal boat sunk in the slip thereat belonging to John Cain, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John Cain, owner of the canal boat now lying sunk in the slip at the foot of Fifty-first street, North river, be and he is hereby notified to remove the same from the aforesaid premises within five days from the receipt of this notice, and that in the event of his failure so to do, the same will be removed by this Department at his cost and expense.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief enclosing statement of cost of repairing new Pier 34, North river, damaged by ferry boat "Newark," and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit to the owners of the ferry boat "Newark" a bill for the amount incurred in making said repairs, in accordance with the resolution adopted by this Board November 18, 1875.

A communication was received from A. M. Pentz, relative to the claim of this Department against him for arrears of rent of Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, and requesting to be released therefrom, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Pentz that the Board declined to accede to his request, and that they desired that he should call at this office, with his sureties, and execute the lease of said premises as purchased by him and pay the amount due in arrears.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the price to be allowed the contractor for building new Pier 42, North river, for the driving of extra long piles, and being read, together with the communication of James McIntire, contractor for building said pier, in reference to the same subject, the following preamble and resolution was

On motion, unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Engineer-in-Chief of this Department has, under date of December 30, 1875, advised this Board that owing to a part of the bottom of the site of new Pier 42, North river, being found softer than was expected, it is necessary to use longer piles than were

provided in the contract with James McIntire for the construction of said pier, and that he had agreed to pay said contractor $4.25 each for driving all piles of 80 feet or over in length, less than 80 feet in length to be paid for at $2.25 each, the contract price ; and

Whereas, Under the sixth paragraph on page 13 of said contract, the Board of Docks are authorized at their discretion to make alterations in the plan, form or dimensions of said work ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to have piles over 80 feet in length driven at new Pier 42, North river, when the nature of the bottom requires it, and that this Board hereby agrees to pay James McIntire, contractor for the construction of new Pier 42, North river, the price of $4.25 for each pile driven by him under said contract that shall be 80 feet or over in length.

A communication was received from Board of Commissioners of Pilots, stating that they had been advised that on the morning of December 22 the steam tug "Louis," belonging to this Department, threw into the North river, off Bedloe's Island, two very large boulders, and requested this Department to punish the offender, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request said Board to forward a copy of said charge to this Department, in order that proper action may be had thereon.

A communication was received from James Hughes, for extra pay for work performed on the ten-ton derrick belonging to the Department, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing draft of new proposal for supplying the Department with coal, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file:

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending December 28.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed week ending December 24.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed week ending December 31.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending 4th instant.

The Executive Committee presented the following report :

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of the residents of the Twelfth Ward to have slip at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, dredged, so as to obtain at low water a depth of 10 feet, and the Engineer-in-Chief having examined and reported upon the condition of said slip, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause such dredging to be done in the slip on the north side and at the end of the Pier at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, as shall be necessary to obtain a depth of 10 feet at low

water ; the work to be done as soon as possible, without interfering with dredging already ordered by the Board.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, By resolution of this Board adopted November 18, last, the name of Joseph Conway, Inspector of Dredging, was ordered to be stricken off the monthly pay-rolls, and that he be directed to send in a bill for his services instead ; and as said Conway has requested that his name be restored to the pay-rolls, owing to the difficulty experienced by him in collecting his salary by bill, be it therefore

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by this Board November 18, last, directing Joseph Conway to present a bill for his services, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled, and that the name of said Conway be and the same is hereby ordered to be placed on the monthly pay-roll of officers and crews of tugs and dredges of this Department.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table :

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending that salary of R. D. Nelson, Clerk to Superintendent of Floating Property, be increased.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to rate to be paid to Dock-builders.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that Henry H. Anderson opposes the application for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of acquiring title for the City to the lands required for the northerly half of Pier 33 and the southerly half of Pier 34, North river, claiming that these lands are property of the Rhinelander estate, for which he is attorney ; that he opposes the application, as he says, not because he is unwilling that the lands should be taken for the purpose mentioned, but because all the land belonging to said estate, between the west side of West street and the river, is not included in the proceedings commenced, and that, as he had no means of determining whether Mr. Anderson was correct or not, he desired that if there was any error in the verbal description of said premises sent him by the Department, that the same be corrected before the appointment of Commissioners ; and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Counsel to the Corporation that a re-survey had been recently made of said premises, and to forward him a tracing of the same, together with the following description : Southerly half of Pier 34 : beginning at a point 70 feet westerly from the intersection of the easterly side of West street and the centre of Harrison street, and extending along the centre of Pier 34 to the end thereof, and including the entire southerly half of said pier. Northerly half of Pier 33 : beginning at a point 70 feet westerly from the northeasterly corner of West and Jay streets, and extending along the centre of Pier 33 to the end thereof, including the entire northerly half of said pier.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. W. W. Shippen, President of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, to call on the Commissioners on Friday, the 7th instant, in relation to the lease of the ferry premises foot of Christopher street, North river.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. John G. Dale, agent of the Inman Steamship Line, to call at this office with his abstract of title, deed and map, showing the metes and bounds of Pier 44, North river, claimed to be owned by him, in order that definite information may be obtained as to what he proposes to sell to the City, and that a contract may be entered into for such purchase and sale, and placed before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval.

The communication from the Assistant Bookkeeper, under date December 10, as to amount of overtime claimed by Carpenters employed by the Department, which was laid on the table at the meeting held December 15 last, was

On motion, taken from the table, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the claims of the following named Carpenters, heretofore employed by this Department, for pay for overtime be and the same are hereby allowed, in accordance with the communication of the Assistant Bookkeeper of the Department, under date December 10, 1875, and such claims be and the same are hereby directed to be entered on the proper pay-roll of the Department, and transmitted to the Department of Finance for payment, viz.:

James Walker, 91 hours, 11⅜ days.....$34 12
Anthony Morgan, 88 hours, 11 days..... 33 00
Joseph J. Walsh, 87 hours, 10⅞ days..... 32 62

The President reported that he had, on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, directed that all but two of the Department dredging machines be laid up, and requested that his action be confirmed.

On motion, the action of the President in the premises was confirmed.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 12, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held 5th instant were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From H. L. Morris—For permission to build a pier, etc., on Harlem river and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, in front of premises owned by him.

From Columbia Yacht Club—For permission to remove their boat-house from foot of West Fifty-seventh street to West Eighty-sixth street.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs made and cost thereof to end of Pier 45, North river, damaged by steamer "Claribel," of Atlas Line.

From Kenny & Murphy—To lease fence adjoining south side Fulton Ferry.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to cost of dredging slip foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river.

From W. W. Shippen—In reference to lease of water-front foot of Christopher street, North river.

On motion, the communication from Patrick Grace, for lease of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river, and the communication from W. W. Shippen, President of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, declining to consent to a modification of the terms of the lease of the ferry premises foot of Christopher street, North river, were taken from the table and referred to the Executive Committee.

A petition was received from Henderson Bros., for permission to retain the sheds on Piers 20 and 21, North river, and the bulkhead between said piers, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, permission be and the same is hereby granted to Henderson Bros., agents of the Anchor Line, lessees of Piers 20 and 21, North river, and bulkhead between said piers, to retain and maintain during the pleasure of this Board, the sheds now erected thereon for the protection of property to be received or discharged thereat.

A petition was received from D. D. & Tunis Smith, to be allowed the amount expended by them in widening Pier 34, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Messrs. D. D. & T. Smith, lessees of the northerly half of Pier 34, North river, be and they are hereby informed in reply to their petition asking to be allowed the amount with interest thereon (claimed to have been expended by them in widening said premises), toward the payment of the sum due from them for rent of said northerly half of Pier 34, North river, that said petition is denied, and that their proper recourse for collecting said claim is through the Courts, and that said lessees be and they are hereby requested to immediately remit the amount due from them for rent of said wharf property.

A communication was received from the Supervisor of the "City Record," requesting that a list of the employees of the Department be furnished him for publication according to law, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to furnish the information as requested.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the repairs needed to the dumping-board on the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to repair the run-way to the dumping-board foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, at a cost of about $100, as recommended in his report of the 10th instant.

A communication was received from the Hudson River Freighters' Association, asking to be heard before the Board, and the President reporting that he had arranged for a meeting with said Association on the 13th instant,

On motion, the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from Colonel John Mechan, First Assistant Engineer, tendering his resignation, to take effect on the 31st instant, and being read, was

On motion, accepted, and the Secretary directed to express to him the high appreciation the Board entertain of his engineering skill and ability, as evidenced by the construction of new Pier 1, North river, and to acknowledge the valuable services rendered to the Department at its organization and since, in establishing proper bulkhead and pier-lines for the water-front of the City.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

From James I. Hart—Desiring to furnish the Department with copies of bills introduced in the Legislature.

From Sanders Wilson—Desiring to furnish Department with copies of bills introduced in the Legislature.

A communication was received from the Board of Commissioners of Pilots, in reference to the particulars of the case charged against the Captain of the tug "Louis," for throwing boulders from the scows into the river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion placed on file.

From Engineer-in Chief—As to work performed during week ending January 9.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Opinion as to whether sureties to a contract should acknowledge the bond accompanying the same.

From Treasurer of the Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending 11th instant.

Messrs. Brisbin and Starin, on behalf of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, and Mr. A. L. Dennis, in behalf of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, appeared before the Board, in reference to their application for a renewal of the lease of Pier 48, and lower half of Pier 19, respectively, North river, and being heard at length,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to render his opinion as to the number of years this Department is restricted in selling the lease of the said premises, in view of the fact that said premises have not been improved under the new plans adopted by this Department and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, provided for under the provisions of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That leases for the following piers and bulkheads on the East river, for the term of two years and three months from the 1st of February, 1876, containing the usual covenants and conditions, be disposed of at public auction to the bidder who shall offer as rent

therefor the largest sum over and above the amounts fixed herein, for each separate parcel of wharf property.

Pier 46, $6,000.

Pier at Rivington street, $2,000.

Upper half of Pier at Stanton street, $1,200.

Pier at Fifth street, $800.

Pier at Twenty-third street, excepting outer end and berth for school-ship at south side of pier, $1,000.

Pier at Twenty-fifth street, $1,500.

Pier at Twenty-eighth street, $1,500.

Bulkhead at Eighty-sixth street, $200.

Pier One Hundred and Seventeenth street, $200.

And for and during the term of five years and three months from the said 1st of February, 1876, the lower or westerly half of Pier 8 (now being rebuilt), including about 225, feet of bulkhead extending northerly therefrom, and the bulkhead extending thence westerly to Pier 7, $6,000.

Also the right and privilege of keeping for and during the term of two years and three months from the said 1st of February, 1876, floats at the foot of the steps at the upper and lower ends of Third Avenue Bridge, over the Harlem river, for the letting of small boats, $700.

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may be disposed of, when prepared in proper form, and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to make arrangements with William Kennelly, auctioneer, for the sale of the above leases, and cause notice of said proposed sale to be inserted in the papers designated by law.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 13, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills amounting in the whole to the sum of $11,640.02, the principal items being $2,990.87 for broken stone, $2,944.88 for coal $1,692.72 for repairs to floating property, $547.07 for rope, spikes, etc., $517.09 for lumber, and $446.62 for repairs to tug "Manhattan," and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of taking further action in the reorganization of the Department), held January 14, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

Commissioner Dimock, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, made a further report, stating that in view of the limited extent of the work now being prosecuted by the Department, it becomes necessary to reduce the clerical force, and recommended for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That Louis A. Jackson, Assistant Secretary ; George W. Sterritt, Assistant Bookkeeper, and William F. Cosgrove, Messenger, be and they are hereby suspended from further duty in the Department from and after 31st instant.

The report of the Committee was approved, and

On motion, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to submit to the Counsel to the Corporation for his examination the deed and abstract of title to Pier 44, North river, received from John G. Dale, and to request him to prepare in proper form such agreement or contract for the sale to and purchase by the Corporation of the City of New York of the said pier or such portions thereof as have not heretofore been vested in said Corporation, as may be necessary under the requirements of subdivision 4, section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 19, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 12th, 13th and 14th instants were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Erie Railway Company, for permission to occupy Pier 8, East river, before the repairs thereto are completed, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A petition was received from D. D. & T. Smith, asking to be heard in reference to rent due from them as lessees of north side of Pier 34, North river, and the petitioners being present, were heard at length as to the justice of their claim against the City for repairs made to said pier, and

On motion, the communication was placed on file, and Messrs. Smith informed that their proper course to collect said claim is through the Courts.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Department—As to receipts and payments for week ending 18th instant.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending 16th instant.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the application of Kenny & Murphy, for lease of fence on the easterly side of Pier 21, East river, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of Kenny & Murphy, for a lease of the fence on the easterly side of Pier 21, East river, be and the same is hereby denied.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of the Columbia Yacht Club, for permission to change location of boat-house from foot of West Fifty-seventh street to foot of Eighty-sixth street, North river, and the Committee being uninformed as to the ownership of the premises at foot of said Eighty-sixth street, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the officers of the Columbia Yacht Club be and they are hereby respectfully notified, in reply to their petition to remove the boat-house of the club from the foot of West Fifty-seventh street to the foot of Eighty-sixth street, North river, that this Board has no objection to the said boat-house being located at the premises foot of said Eighty-sixth street, to remain thereat only during the pleasure of this Department, provided that the work of making the proposed change shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, who is hereby authorized to permit such piles to be driven and other work to be done as may be necessary to secure the property and premises from damage.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to repairs made to new Pier 45, North river, and the cost thereof, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and present to the Atlas Steamship Company for payment, a claim in the sum of $734.64, being the cost of repairing the damage to new Pier 45, North river, caused by steamer "Claribel" on December 12, 1875.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, ordered on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from F. Spies & Co., asking for an extension of time to make deliveries under their contract for furnishing 5,000 barrels of cement, and being read, and the President reporting that he had granted the extension asked for,

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and the communication placed on file.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief of the work performed under his supervision during the three months ending December 31, 1875, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the merits of the claim of James Hughes to be paid for overtime, while employed on the ten-ton derrick, and being read,

On motion, the claim of James Hughes above referred to was taken from the table and denied.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to additional repairs required to be made to Pier 8, East river, independent of contract, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed in accordance with his recommendation under date 17th instant, to place on the end of the southerly side of Pier 8, East river, as soon as the rebuilding of said pier under the contract with Warren Rosevelt be completed, thirteen second-class spruce piles, flattened on one side and bolted to the timbers of the crib, as a cost of about $150, in order to protect the end of the pier from damage by floating ice.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee:

From Joseph C. Brady—In reference to amount due him for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From R. H. Galleher—In reference to his plan for lighting piers.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to effect insurance against loss or damage by fire on the large floating derrick owned by the Department to the extent of $75,000, by causing the renewal of the policies now in force and expiring on the 25th instant, at one per cent., less fifteen per cent.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 21, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Board will and hereby does agree and consent to the assignment or transfer to the Stephen and Condit Transportation Company, of Newark, N. J., of the lease, when executed, for the south half of Pier 22, North river, and bulkhead adjoining, purchased by Ed. Van Valkenburgh at public sale June 10, 1875, provided that the sum of $1,136.17, being the accrued rent due to February 1, 1876, less the ten per cent. deposited at the time of said sale, shall be first paid over to the Department, and that the assignment shall be executed in due form and approved by the sureties to the lease; and it is hereby understood that the amount of wharfage, accrued and collected by the Department since June 1, 1875, will be paid over by the Department upon the payment of the above sum.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 26, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held 19th and 21st instant were read and approved.

A communication was received from the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, asking that a lease be granted them for the ferry slip foot of Grand street, East river, etc., and offering the sum of $1,000 as the annual rent therefor, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the small stone dock on Leggett's creek, Twenty-fourth Ward, said to be a public wharf belonging to the Corporation, and stating that private parties had erected a fence across the public road leading to the pier, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief to the Department of Public Parks, requesting it to take such measures in reference to the fence erected across said road as may be necessary to render the access to said wharf free and unencumbered.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From G. B. Lawton—In reference to the application of the Hudson River Freighters' Association for the use of certain water-front in the North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending January 22.

From Treasurer of the Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements during week ending January 25.

The President, to whom was referred the communications of James I. Hart and Sanders Wilson, offering to supply the Department with Senate and Assembly bills, reported that he had directed Mr. Hart to supply said bills upon the same terms as charged for the past year, i. e., $35.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communications placed on file.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to prepare plans and estimate for the construction of a pier at the foot of Bank street, North river, to be 60 feet in width, and to extend out to the line now established by law.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From the Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to lease of the Staten Island Ferry Company.

From the Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to the term for which leases of wharf property can be disposed of.

From the Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to claims filed against contractors for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

The President stating that Mr. A. M. Pentz, lessee of the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, had called upon him and urged that he be allowed to surrender the lease as, owing to the difficult approach to the pier he was unable to use it for commercial purposes, and not being aware of that fact when he purchased the lease, and that he still refused to execute the lease prepared by the Department, although repeatedly notified so to do,

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That A. M. Pentz, lessee of the Pier foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, the lease of which was purchased by him at public auction on the 31st of March, 1875, for three years from May 1, 1875, at a yearly rent of $550, be and he is hereby informed that this Department will release him from the said lease provided he shall pay to this Department the sum of $550, being one year's rent of said pier.

The Secretary reported that, as directed by the Board, he had, through the Adriatic Fire Insurance Company, effected insurance on the large floating derrick in the sum of $75,000, for one year from 25th instant, at the rate of 70 cents, being a reduction in the premium paid last year on same amount insured of $112.50, and that the policies of the insurance companies, fifteen in number, had been delivered to the Department.

On motion, the action of the Secretary was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 28, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of a bill of James McIntire, being first payment on account of contract for building new Pier 42, North river ($8,678.70, less ten per cent. reserved), $7,810.88, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 31, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The quarterly report for the three months ending December 31, 1875, was then read, and

On motion, approved and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to his Honor the Mayor.

On motion, the quarterly report of the Engineer-in-Chief, for the three months ending December 31, 1875, was taken from the table and placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 2, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held January 26 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, asking that they be permitted to place timbers on the western face of the building erected on new Pier 43, North river, in order that a fog bell may be hung there, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, to erect two pieces of timber against the western face of the shed or building on new Pier 43. North river, for the purpose of suspending a fog bell therefrom, the work to be performed under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to remain during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, as to their occupancy of Pier 48, North river, and the President reporting that he had made a reply thereto, stating that pending the rebuilding of the pier under the new plan, which is in contemplation, the company must be considered as tenants at will, provided they shall before 1st of May next, agree with this Department for a lease of the new pier to build, etc.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending January 29.

From Treasurer of the Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements during week ending February 1.

The Executive Committee presented the following reports:

1st. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the communication from R. H. Gallaher, asking for permission to light an open pier with the New England Gas-

light Company's lamps, free of expense to the city, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of R. H. Gallaher for permission to place one or more lamps of the New England Gas-light Company upon an open pier for the purpose of lighting the same, free of expense to the City, be and the same is hereby denied, the Department not having at present such a pier under its control.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

2d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the application of the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, for lease of ferry premises foot of Grand street, East river, etc., and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, for a lease of the ferry premises at foot of Grand street, East river, etc., for a term of ten years, at an annual rent of $1,000, be and the same is hereby denied.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

3d. The Committee report that they have had under consideration the petition of Henry Lewis Morris, for permission to fill in on the Harlem river at One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, in front of his premises in the Twenty-third Ward, and the Engineer-in-Chief having reported in writing as to the expediency of filling in the river as proposed, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Henry Lewis Morris to fill in, within the lines of One Hundred and Fiftieth street, out into the Harlem river to a distance not exceeding 550 feet westerly of the west line of River avenue; provided that good earth and stone filling shall be used, and that the work be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department; and provided further, that it shall be understood and agreed that the permission hereby granted is not to be understood or taken as vesting in the said Henry Lewis Morris any further right, title or interest in the said premises than he may now be possessed of by virtue of a certain letters-patent issued by the State of New York to Mary N. Morris, under date of 28th July, 1868.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of a bill of Robert Boyd, assignee,

of money due Joseph C. Brady, being third payment account contract for building shed on Pier 43, North river	$13,093 34
Do. third payment for shed on Pier 46, North river	6,250 00
Total	$19,343 34

—and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the condition of Piers 46 and 47, North river, and stating that, in his opinion, it would be unwise to attempt to widen or lengthen them to conform to the new plans, etc., and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

A communication was received, under date January 31, ultimo, from John Mechan, Assistant Engineer, calling attention to the fact that the outer end of new Pier 1, North river, as far as finished, was liable to be damaged if a vessel should come into violent collision therewith, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to report thereon.

An account sales was received from William Kennelly, auctioneer, of the leases of the wharf property offered at auction on January 25, as follows:

Lot 1. Pier 46, East river, purchased by Mason & Foster	$6,300 00
Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Offered and withdrawn.	
Lot 7. Pier at Twenty-eighth street, East river, Joseph V. Brown	1,550 00
Lot 8. Not offered, being under lease.	
Lot 9. Bulkhead at Eighty-sixth street, East river, James Graham	205 00
Lot 10. Pier at One Hundred and Seventeenth street, East river, Patrick Grace	201 00
Lot 11. Pier 8, East river, lower side, and bulkhead up to Pier 7, to R. Forrestal	6,600 00
Lot 12. Steps at Harlem Bridge, for keeping floats for small boats, D. M. Ransom	1,000 00

On motion, the account sales were placed on file.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

That they have had under consideration the application of Callmeyer & Dambmann, for specifications for balance of iron material to be furnished under their contract, and the Counsel to the Corporation having filed his written opinion recommending that the Department shall accept under the contract a sufficient quantity of the undelivered articles as shall make up the full quantity of each, as mentioned therein, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish Gustav Callmeyer & C. F. A. Dambmann with the proper dimensions, lengths and sizes, for such brace rods and bands, etc., as may be required hereafter for the uses and purposes of the Department, in order to enable the said Callmeyer & Dambmann to deliver to the Department 25,720 pounds of brace rods and 15,411 pounds of bands, etc., now remaining unfinished under their contract dated February 5, 1874, and for which requisition was made under date of November 4, 1874, the said iron material to be received by the said Engineer-in-Chief and properly stored till required to be used.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have printed, in suitable and proper form, copies of a statement showing the leases of all wharf property owned by the Corporation of the City of New York which existed or were in force at

the date of the organization of this Department, and of all leases which have been made since that date, to, and including the day of , 1876, and giving a detailed schedule of each lease, and in cases where leases have not been executed, the power or authority under which the wharf property was occupied ; the said statement to be prepared with all possible despatch by the Bookkeeper, and submitted to the Secretary for examination and approval by the Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 8, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills amounting in the whole to the sum of $5,167.56, the principal items being $2,710.00 on account rebuilding Pier 8, East river, $689.41 repairs to floating property, and $209.40 for storage on piles, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 9, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held January 28 and 31 were read and approved.

A communication was received from Cobanks & Theall, stating that the patterns in their possession belonging to the Department were ready to be delivered, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have the said patterns removed from the premises of Cobanks & Theall and stored in the Department yard at Gansevoort street.

A communication was received from the Harlem and New York Navigation Company, requesting that the Department should dredge the slip at the Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Harlem river, to such a depth that vessels of ordinary draft may float at low water, and that said company would pay for the cost thereof, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to cause an examination of said premises to be made and report as to the probable cost of doing the work.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that to obtain 10 feet at low water at the Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, it would be necessary to remove the rock therein, and asking if he should prepare plans therefor, and being read.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was notified that the intention of the Board is to have only such materials removed from said slip as can be accomplished by the dredging machines, and that at present the removal of the rock therein is not deemed to be necessary.

A petition was received from the Erie Railway Company, for permission to erect a shed on Pier 8, East river, and enclosing plans of the proposed building, and being read, was,

On motion, laid on the table, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the plans submitted this day by the Erie Railway Company, for the shed proposed to be erected on Pier 8, East river, to be occupied by said company, be and the same are hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination, and report to the Board.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From H. A. Peck & Co., lessees of Pier foot of Thirty-eighth street, East river, and part of Pier 61, East river—For allowance of rent due, owing to obstructions on the premises. Petitioner to call upon Commissioners.

From Henry Louis Morris and others—In reference to proposed plan of the water-front on east side of Harlem river, at One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

From Patrick Muhan—To be reinstated as Watchman, having been seriously injured whilst employed at new Pier 1, North river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Callmeyer & Dambmann—Refusing to fill requisition of the Department for balance of iron material due under their contract.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to difficulty of dredging slip between Piers 53 and 54, East river, so as to obtain 10 feet at low water.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending February 5.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending February 8.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the condition of outer end of new Pier 1, North river, reported by Assistant Engineer John Mechan, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the communication of Assistant Engineer John Mechan, on condition of outer end of Pier 1, North river, was taken from the table and placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table:

From Aaron Thorp—For position on Department tug as Captain.

From National Steamship Company—Agreeing to pay $30,000 as rent for new pier to be built on the new plans on the site of old Pier 47, North river.

Claims were received from Henry Anderson, for $218.75, and Patrick Sullivan, for $248.12, for extra time while employed as scowmen by the Department during parts of the years 1874 and 1875, and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation reciting the facts and custom of the Department as regards the employment of laborers, and requesting to be advised as to the right of said Anderson and Sullivan, but of all similar claimants, to claim of this Department wages or compensation for overwork performed after the completion of a legal day's work when an agreement has not been previously entered into for additional wages or compensation therefor, and also, as to the duty of the Department in the two present cases or in any like cases which may hereafter arise.

A communication was received from the Erie Railway Company, asking if Department would consent to assignment to said Company of leases of Pier 7 and west half of Pier 8 and bulkhead, East river, and the President reporting that he had replied affirmatively,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 11, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Board will and hereby does agree and consent to the assignment or transfer to the Erie Railway Company of the leases, when executed, of Pier 7, East river, purchased by David Tracy at public sale November 5, 1875, and of the lower half of Pier 8, East river, and bulkhead connected therewith, extending to easterly side of Pier 7, purchased by R. Forrestal at public sale on January 25, 1876 ; provided, that such rent as shall have accrued for the said premises shall be first paid over to the Department and that the assignments shall be executed in due form and approved by the sureties to the leases as aforesaid.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, approving of the plans submitted by the Erie Railway Company for the shed proposed to be erected on Pier 8, East river, and being read,

On motion, the petition of the Erie Railway, in reference to the erection of said shed, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Erie Railway Company, lessee, to erect a shed for the protection of freight, etc., on Pier 8, East river ; provided, that the said company shall first obtain and file in this Department the written consent of the owners of the easterly half of said pier to the erection of said shed, and that the plans submitted to and approved by this Board this date shall be approved by the Department of Buildings, as required by law ; and provided, further, that the said shed shall be constructed under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 16, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held February 2, 8, 9 and 11 were read and approved.

A petition was received from Mills & Ambrose, contractors for grading Eighth avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street to the Harlem river, for permission to erect a temporary dock on Harlem river to land their scows at, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine the water-front at the foot of Eighth avenue, on the Harlem river, and report as to whether there is any objection to the erection of said temporary dock.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Western Union Telegraph Company—For lease of Pier foot of Fifty-fifth street, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending February 12.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending February 15.

From John Parsons—On behalf of owners of east half of Pier 8, East river, giving consent to the erection on the pier of a shed by the Erie Railway Company.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine and report to this Board, with as little delay as possible, the condition of Pier 48, North river, and prepare a diagram or plan thereof with the platform on piles adjoining on the southerly side, and the location and size of the floating bridge permanently moored on that side of the pier, together with the general dimensions of the vessels using said bridge ; also what portion of the pier is built with blocks and bridges or piles, and advise his opinion as to whether the said pier should be repaired or rebuilt, his attention being called to the resolution adopted by this Board on December 4, 1873, providing for the removal of all blocks or cribs outside of the established bulkhead line in all cases where repairs are made to substructures of piers erected on that plan.

The following communications were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to damage done to new Pier 45, North river, by steamer "Claribel" of Atlas Steamship line.

From F. Habkemeyer, lessee of Pier foot of Little Twelfth street, North river—For allowance of rent owing to insufficiency of water at the pier.

From Erie Railway Company—For lease of lower half of Pier 8, East river, for a term of years.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent Fitzpatrick having reported that the Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, was in a dangerous condition as to the backing pieces, and repairs needed to the fenders, and a spring pile needed at Pier at One Hundred and Thirty-first street,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make such repairs to the backing-pieces on Pier at Twenty-eighth street, North river, as may be necessary to render said pier

safe, and to report any further repairs needed thereto, and to place a spring pile on the north side of Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing plans and specifications for building a Pier at the foot of Bank street, North river, and being read, were

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt for examination and report.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to obtaining a copy of the map filed in the office of the Secretary of State, Albany, showing the pier and bulkhead lines from Harlem Bridge at Third avenue to and through the Bronx Kills, along the Sound to the Bronx river, and around both Randall's and Ward's Islands, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have a copy of the map showing the pier and bulkhead lines established by the Harlem Commissioners of 1857, on file in the office of the Secretary of State, Albany, made for the use of the Department by Mr. David T. Keiller, Chief Draughtsman.

A communication was received from F. Spies & Co., offering to sell at a reduction the 1,375 barrels of cement rejected by the Engineer-in-Chief as unfit to be received under the contract with said Spies, and the petitioner appearing and stating that he was unable to explain why said cement failed to stand the test required by the Department under his contract, as he had purchased it from the manufacturers especially to fill his contract, and that since writing his communication some 600 barrels in addition had been rejected by the Engineer-in-Chief, and that he had no other brand of cement to deliver in order to comply with the terms and conditions of his contract, and being heard at length,

On motion, the communication was laid on the table.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen, on the 27th January, 1876, passed an ordinance to prevent non-residents from holding office in any of the Departments or branches of the Government of the City of New York, which became lawfully adopted on the 11th February, 1876 ; and

Whereas, This Board has from time to time appointed to official positions in the Department of Docks several persons who were, at the date of their respective appointments, and still are, non-residents of this City, but who are citizens of the State of New York ; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to advise this Board in what manner, if any, the adoption of the said ordinance affects the right and power of this Board, by virtue of subdivision 8, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, to continue to employ the said non-residents from and after the 1st of May, 1876, and to certify as rated on the pay-rolls of the Department, the claims of such persons for the salary or compensation agreed by the Board to be paid them for their services, in compliance with subdivision 11 of said section.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing two statements or schedules showing the rate of wages or compensation paid to the force employed on the floating property and other works of the Department, and also the rate recommended to be paid in future, as follows :

1st. Table showing present and proposed rate of pay of force employed on floating property.

NAME OF PLANT.	OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYEES.	PRESENT RATE OF PAY, INCLUDING PAY FOR RATIONS.	PROPOSED RATE OF PAY, INCLUDING PAY FOR RATIONS.
Tugs	Captain, 1	$135 per month	1 at $125 per month.
	Engineer, 1	110 "	1 " 100 "
	Fireman, 1	60 "	1 " 60 "
	Deckhands, 2	50 "	2 " 50 "
	Cook, 1	45 "	1 " 45 "
Large Derrick	Captain, 1	$4 50 per day.	1 at $25 50 per week.
	Engineer, 1	120 per month	1 " 25 50 "
	Fireman, 1	3 00 per day.	1 " 15 00 "
	Riggers, 5	2 50 "	4 " 15 00 "
			No extra allowance for overtime.
10-ton Derrick	Engineer, 1	$2 50 per day.	1 at $20 00 per week.
	Riggers, 3	2 50 "	2 " 15 00 "
			No extra allowance for overtime.
3-ton Derrick "Joe"	Engineer, 1	$3 50 per day.	1 at $20 00 per week.
	Scowkeeper, 1	9 00 per week.	1 " 9 00 "
	Scowman, 1	2 50 per day.	1 " 13 50 "
			No extra allowance for overtime.
Dredges	Captain of all Dredges, 1	$150 per month	1 at $150 per month.
	Engineer, 1	110 "	1 " 100 "
	Craneman, 1	75 "	1 " 65 "
	Fireman, 1	70 "	1 " 60 "
	Cook, 1	45 "	1 " 45 "
	Deckhands, 2	50 "	2 " 50 "
	Scowmen, 4	2 50 per day.	4 " 13 50 per week.
			No extra allowance for overtime.
Pile Drivers	Captain, 1	$4 00 per day.	1 at $22 50 per week.
	Engineer, 1	3 50 "	1 " 20 00 "

2d. Table showing present and proposed rate of pay of force employed on works of the Department of Docks, other than floating property :

No.	OCCUPATION.	PRESENT RATE OF PAY.	PROPOSED RATE OF PAY.
1	Divers	$8 00 per day.	$2 00 per hour.
2	Divers' Tenders	3 00 "	37½ "
3	Divers' Assistants	2 50 "	31 "
4	Foreman of Carpenters	4 00 "	45 "
5	Carpenters	3 00 "	38 "
6	Blacksmiths	4 00 "	45 "
7	Blacksmiths' Helpers	2 50 "	30 "
8	Foreman of Laborers	3 50 "	45 "
9	Laborers	20 per hour.	20 "
10	Foreman of Dock-builders	4 00 per day.	45 "
11	Dock-builders	30 per hour.	30 "
12	Painters	3 00 per day.	37½ "
13	Caulkers	3 00 "	38 "
14	Watchmen other than Roundsmen	2 25 "	16⅔ " } Except Milspaugh and Weir
15	Timekeeper at different sections	3 00 "	35 " } Except Milspaugh and Weir
16	Timekeeper of Floating Property	2 50 "	35 " } Except Milspaugh and Weir
17	Storekeeper at Gansevoort Street Yard	3 50 "	35 "
18	Storekeeper of Floating Property	2 75 "	27½ "
19	Inspector of Piles	3 50 "	21 00 per week.
20	Saw Filer	3 00 "	35 per hour.
21	Foreman Department Yard	4 00 "	50 "
22	Rodmen	2 50 "	15 00 per week of 6 days
23	Chainmen	2 00 "	12 00 " "
24	Clerk of Floating Property	3 00 "	125 00 per month.
25	Roundsmen	3 00 "	100 00 per month, including Sundays; car fares extra.
26	Inspectors on Piers	4 00 "	50 per hour.
27	Laborers acting as Draughtsmen	20 per hour.	100 00 per month as Draughtsmen.

On motion, the wages or rates of pay, as proposed and recommended in the foregoing tables, by the Engineer-in-Chief, was approved and established, to take effect March 5, proximo.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That leases for the following piers and bulkheads for the terms from 1st of May, 1876, as stated below, subject to the usual covenants and conditions, except that rents are to be paid quarterly in advance, be disposed of at public auction to the bidder who shall offer as rent therefor the largest sum over and above the amounts fixed herein for each separate parcel of wharf property.

South half of Pier 18, North river	10 years	$7,500 00
South half of Pier 14, North river, and bulkhead adjoining	5 "	10,000 00
Bulkhead foot of West Nineteenth street, North river	3 "	250 00
Pier at foot of West Twenty-eighth street, North river, excepting portion used by night-soil boat	3 "	250 00
Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, excepting portion used for dumping-boards	3 "	500 00
Pier foot of Fifty-fifth street, North river	3 "	800 00
Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, excepting northerly half when required for landing material for City Departments	3 "	250 00
Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river	3 "	200 00
Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river	3 "	200 00
EAST RIVER.		
Easterly half of Pier 4, East river, and westerly half of Pier 5, and bulkhead between	10 years	$6,000 00
Easterly half of Pier 5 and westerly half of Pier 6, and bulkhead between	10 "	8,000 00
Easterly half of Pier 24 and half of bulkhead	5 "	5,500 00
Westerly half of Pier 25 and half of bulkhead	5 "	5,500 00
Easterly half of Pier 33 and westerly half of Pier 34, and bulkhead between and platform	5 "	10,000 00
Pier 38 and half of bulkhead, westerly side	5 "	7,500 00
Westerly half of Pier 40	5 "	2,500 00
Easterly half Pier 40 and bulkhead adjoining, and Pier 41 and about 45 feet of bulkhead adjoining east side	5 "	6,500 00
One undivided ninth part of Pier 42	5 "	500 00
Pier 48, foot of Clinton street	5 "	3,500 00
Bulkhead between Piers 20 and 21	3 "	3,000 00
Outer half of easterly side of Pier 22	3 "	2,000 00
Bulkhead at foot of Corlears street	3 "	150 00
Northerly half of Pier 56 and southerly half of Pier 57, and bulkhead between	3 "	2,250 00
Pier 60, foot of Rivington street, East river	3 "	1,500 00
Northerly half of Pier 62, Stanton street, East river	3 "	1,000 00
Pier at foot of Fifth street, East river, excepting portion used for dumping-boards on south side, and bath during summer season on north side	3 "	500 00
Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, excepting outer end and berth for school-ship, south side	3 "	750 00
Pier at foot of Twenty-fifth street, East river	3 "	1,000 00

HARLEM RIVER.

Pier or platform foot of One Hundred and Tweatieth street....	3 years....	$500 00
Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.....	3 "	300 00

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may be disposed of, when prepared in proper form, and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to make arrangements with Messrs. E. A. Lawrence & Co., auctioneers, for the sale of the above leases, and cause notices of said proposed sale to be inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 23, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held February 16, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Committee on Docks and Ferries of the Board of Aldermen, desiring to be informed as to the amount of money paid by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey in bulk or annually up to May 1, 1875, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to furnish the information desired.

A petition was received from Jenkins, Smith & Co., for permission to drive six piles on the upper side of Pier 61, East river, leased by them, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt, with power.

A communication was received, being an ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 10, 1876, and approved by his Honor the Mayor February 15, amending section 21, of article 2, of chapter 8, of the Revised Ordinances, so that sureties to a contract may justify otherwise than before a Judge of a Court of Record in this county, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the estimated cost of dredging the slip at the Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Harlem river, so as to give 10 feet depth of water at low tide, was $111, and being read.

On motion, the petition of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company, to have said dredging done, was taken from the table, and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the application of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company to have the Department dredge the slip at the Pier at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Harlem river, at the cost and expense of said company, be and the same is hereby denied ; the law, in the opinion of the Board, not giving the Department the right or authority to employ its property for private work.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the date from which the change in the pay of those employed by the month should commence, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the action of this Board, at meeting held 16th instant, whereby certain wages or rates of pay for the force employed by the Department were established from and after 5th proximo, be and the same is hereby modified so that all the wages, or rates of pay per month thereby established, shall take effect on and after the 1st proximo, instead of the th proximo, as therein provided.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, requesting that a separate voucher be transmitted for the bill of $735.25, rendered by James McIntire, contractor for building new Pier 42, North river, for extra work in driving long piles, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners a duly certified voucher as requested had been sent to the Finance Department,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved, and the communication placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Captain H. H. Hudson and others—For wharf accommodations in the vicinity of Pier 41, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending February 23.

From Erie Railway Company—As to allowance of rent of lower half of Pier 8, East river, while the pier was being rebuilt.

From James McIntire—In reference to the non-payment of his bill on account of building new Pier 42, North river.

From Treasurer of the Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements from February 5 to 22.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From the Engineer-in-Chief—As to small repairs needed to piers and bulkheads.

From F. Spies & Co.—In reference to deliveries of cement under their contract.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Transatlantic Steamship Company—As to claim against the Department for use of upper side of Pier 50, North river.

From John H. Starin—As to dimensions of Pier 19, North river, owned by him.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the specifications and form of contract prepared by the Engineer in-Chief for the building of a pier at the foot of Bank street, North river. reporting that he had examined the same and found them correct,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for the construction of a Pier at the foot of Bank street, North river, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed and advertisements inviting proposals for building said pier, inserted in the papers designated by law.

Commissioner Westervelt reported that at the request of the Police Department he had designated additional piers and bulkheads from which clean snow and ice can be dumped into the river by said Department, five being on the North river and three upon the East river, as well as all the dumping-boards on both rivers, when not otherwise in use,

On motion, the action of Commissioner Westervelt was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 1, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held February 23 were read and approved.

Communications were received from F. Broeger, lessee of Pier foot of Fifty-first street, North river, and the Consumers Ice Company, lessee of Pier foot of Horatio street, stating that there was not a sufficient depth of water at the premises to allow vessels to discharge their cargoes, and being read, were

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the attention of the Engineer-in-Chief be and is hereby called to the resolution adopted by this Board on November 18 last, in reference to having all slips, leases of which were sold at public auction, dredged, so as to give a depth at low tide of ten feet, and that he be and is hereby directed to proceed with the work of dredging on either side of the Pier at the foot of Fifty-first street, North river, and at the Pier at the foot of Horatio street, North river, the lessees of the premises having stated that there is not sufficient depth of water for their business.

A petition was received from Frederick C. Oakley and Jacob Sharp, to have dredging done at the bulkhead owned and occupied by them on the North river, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, at the expense of the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Frederick C. Oakley and Jacob Sharp, owners and occupants of the bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, to have the slip in front thereof dredged by this Department be and the same is hereby denied.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that there appeared to be no ɔjection to the erection of a temporary pile dock at the head of Eighth avenue and Harlem river, rovided it should be within the established pier and bulkhead lines, etc., and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Mills & Ambrose, conactors, to erect on piles a temporary pier or platform 100 feet by 20 feet, on the Harlem ver, at the proposed termination of Eighth avenue, for the purpose of facilitating the work building said avenue, provided that the easterly end of said pier or platform shall not exnd beyond the established pier and bulkhead line ; that the work shall be done under the ıpervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that the said structure shall be emoved when so directed by this Board, or its successor, free of expense to the city.

On motion, the petition of Mills & Ambrose, in reference to the erection of said temporary ock, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to further alteraon in the wages paid to divers and their assistants, etc., and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the following ıtes of pay are adopted and established, on work in shallow water, such as construction of ulkhead wall, to take effect from and after 5th instant, in compliance with his recommendaon dated 29th ultimo, to wit:

For Divers, $7 per day of 4 hours or less, and $1.50 per hour for overtime.

For Diver's Tenders, 35 cents per hour.

For Diver's Assistants, 25 cents per hour.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction, questing that dredging be done at the three docks at the northeast end of Blackwell's Island, ıd being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to have such dredging ɔne at the three docks at the northeast end of Blackwell's Island as will accommodate the ɔats of the Police Department, engaged in landing ashes, etc., the Department of Public harities and Correction having made application to have said dredging performed, as at resent there is not sufficient depth of water for their accommodation.

Bills were received from—

ɔhn Newton, in the sum of	$2,000 00
Villiam E. Worthen, in the sum of	2,000 00
). A. Gillmore, in the sum of	2,000 00

—for services rendered in the examination of the bulkhead wall at Canal and King streets, Jorth river, as per request contained in resolution adopted by this Board on October 13, 1875, ınd being read, were

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending February 26.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending February 29.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Charles J. Nisil and William C. McInnis, messengers in the Engineer's Department, be and they are hereby discharged from further duty in this Department, to take effect this day.

Resolved, That Frederick Lange be and he is hereby appointed messenger to the Engineer-in-Chief, at a salary of $12 per week, to take effect this day.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent McConkey having reported that the westerly side of Pier 2, East river, is in need of repairs,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify the Union Ferry Company, lessee, to make the desired repairs.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify the Stephens & Condit Transportation Company, lessee of the westerly side of Pier 22, North river, to repair the surface thereof, Superintendent Smith having reported it as in need of repairs.

Superintendent Butler having reported that Pier 59 was in bad condition, and several of the piers and bulkheads covered with dirt,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify W. D. Andrews and Bro., owners of the northerly side, and the Knickerbocker Ice Company, lessees of the southerly side, of Pier 59, to make the necessary repairs to the pier.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Police Department be and it is hereby respectfully requested to cause the bulkheads between Piers 59 and 60, and in vicinity of foot of Stanton street, and the Piers at the foot of Third, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-eighth streets, East river, to be cleaned without delay, all the said premises being reported to this Board as being in a very filthy condition.

The following communications were,

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending that salary of Robert D. Nilson, Clerk, be increased.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Enclosing draft of new proposals for supplying Department with coal.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to rate of wages to be paid to Dock-builders.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to use of Pier foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river, for account of Health Department.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to having modified map of portion of water front on North river, approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to alteration in plans to determine position of new Pier 33, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to plans, etc., for the construction of new Pier 42, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs necessary to be made to Pier at Castle Garden, etc.

From Q. A. Gillmore—As to quality of Boulogne Portland cement.

From John Mechan, Assistant Engineer—In reference to plans for construction of new Pier 1, North river.

From Aaron Thorp—For position as Captain on Department tug.

From Union Ferry Company—Requesting that the premises at foot of Whitehall street, be put up at public auction, being docks, etc., occupied by North Shore Staten Island Ferry.

From Davis, Work, McNamee & Hilton—In reference to a transfer of lease of North Shore Staten Island Ferry Company.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—As to having additional docks provided on the East river, etc.

From John S. McLean—Protesting against the filling in of bulkhead between Morton and Barrow streets.

From Finance Department—As to amount of force employed, work in progress, etc.

The President reported that he had examined into the subject matter of the following communications, and was of the opinion that further action on the matters to which they severally relate was not necessary, and recommended that they be placed on file.

On motion, the recommendation of the President was approved.

From Board of Commissioners of Pilots—In reference to charges against the Captain of tug "Louis," for throwing boulders into East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to using building on Christopher Street Section as an office, etc.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—To have dock erected on East river, between Fifty-second and Eighty-fourth streets.

From Police Department—Protesting against the removal of dumping-board from foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river.

From Police Department—Enclosing remonstrance of citizens of the Twelfth Ward against the removal of said dumping-board.

From D. Henry Haight—Protesting against the purchase by the City of the premises known as Pier 44, North river.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred, with power, the petition of Jenkins, Smith & Co. to drive piles on upper side of Pier 1, East river, leased by them from H. A.

Peck & Co., lessees, reporting that he had examined the premises and found that there appeared to be no objection to the granting of the petition,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Jenkins, Smith & Co. to drive six small piles about six feet from the easterly side of Pier 61, East river, at the outer end, to serve as a landing for Brow Stage and dry dock, they having obtained and filed in this office the written consent of the lessees of the Pier to the proposed work; said piles to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 6, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of the bills of—

John Newton, Engineer, for	$2,000 00
Q. A. Gillmore, Engineer, for	2,000 00
William E. Worthen, Engineer, for	2,000 00

—for services rendered in the examination of the bulkhead wall at King and Canal streets, on the North river, the total being for the sum of $6,000, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 8, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held March 1, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Police Department, in reference to repairs needed to the dumping-board at the foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee:

From H. A. Peck & Co.—For reduction of rent due from them of the bulkhead north side of Pier 61, East river.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—To build a platform between Piers 4 and 6, East river, and to widen Pier 5.

A communication was received from Herman Gelpcke, abandoning his occupancy of the upper half of Pier 18, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending March 4.

From Common Council—Enclosing copy of resolution adopted in reference to furnishing ork for unemployed workingmen.

From Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to claims of carpenters for work on vertime.

From Police Department—In reference to the cleaning of several of the piers and bulkeads on the North river.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for the week end-ıg March 7.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The President called the attention of the Board to the report of the Engineers on the ondition of the bulkhead wall at Canal and King streets, North river, and stated that everal applications from eminent Engineers had been made to him for copies, and that in is opinion the report should be printed in proper form by the Department, and

On motion, the President was requested to confer with the Engineer-in-Chief as to the rawings, etc., necessary to accompany the report, and as to the estimated cost for printing ame, and report to the Board.

Mr. H. P. Farrington, lessee of certain wharf property on the North river, was heard elative to his refusal to execute the leases therefor as prepared by the Department, and he aving proposed to surrender said premises and protect the city from loss in rent therefor, rovided new leases for ten years each should be offered at public sale,

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, It appears that Harvey P. Farrington is the lessee of the following named wharf roperty, to wit :

ulkhead at and along Eleventh street, North river, expiring September 1, 1879, $3,100 per annum.

ier at foot of Eleventh street, North river, expiring June 15, 1883, $2,400 per annum.

Vorth half of Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river, expiring May 1, 1878, $825 per annum.

Pier foot of Twentieth street, North river, expiring May 1, 1878, $1,510 per annum.

Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river, expiring May 1, 1878, $1,410 per annum, and,

Whereas, The said Farrington has appeared before this Board and stated that he refuses to execute the leases prepared by the Department, for the said premises at foot of Thirteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, North river, for the reason that certain covenants having relation to repairs, liability for damages from accidents, etc., are contained therein, contrary

HARLEM RIVER.

Pier or platform foot of One Hundred and Twentieth street....	3 years....	$500 00
Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.....	3 "	300 00

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may be disposed of, when prepared in proper form, and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to make arrangements with Messrs. E. A. Lawrence & Co., auctioneers, for the sale of the above leases, and cause notices of said proposed sale to be inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 23, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held February 16, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Committee on Docks and Ferries of the Board of Aldermen, desiring to be informed as to the amount of money paid by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey in bulk or annually up to May 1, 1875, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to furnish the information desired.

A petition was received from Jenkins, Smith & Co., for permission to drive six piles on the upper side of Pier 61, East river, leased by them, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt, with power.

A communication was received, being an ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen, February 10, 1876, and approved by his Honor the Mayor February 15, amending section 21, of article 2, of chapter 8, of the Revised Ordinances, so that sureties to a contract may justify otherwise than before a Judge of a Court of Record in this county, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the estimated cost of dredging the slip at the Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Harlem river, so as to give 10 feet depth of water at low tide, was $111, and being read,

On motion, the petition of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company, to have said dredging done, was taken from the table, and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the application of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company to have the Department dredge the slip at the Pier at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Harlem river, at the cost and expense of said company, be and the same is hereby denied ; the law, in the opinion of the Board, not giving the Department the right or authority to employ its property for private work.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 15, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

A communication was received from William Young, requesting that spring piles be placed at the Pier foot of Third street, East river, to adapt it for laying up steamboats during the winter months, and being read

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Young that said pier is leased to Mr. David Tracy for a term of years.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From E. A. Lawrence & Co.—Account sales of leases of piers and bulkheads sold at auction March 7.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending March 11.

From Treasurer of the Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements during week ending March 14.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of forty-two bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $7,662.43, the principal items being $1,408.60 for rip-rap and broken stone, $1,137.08 for coal, $668.25 for iron work, and $2,450 for rent and heating of Department offices, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

The Executive Committee presented a report, stating that they have had under consideration the petition of Henry A. Peck & Co., for reduction of rent under lease for bulkhead north of Pier 61, East river, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Henry A. Peck & Co., for a reduction of rent under lease for Pier 61, East river, and bulkhead adjoining northerly side, consequent upon said bulkhead being occupied by contractor for removing night soil, be and the same is hereby denied, such portion of the said premises as were used for dumping-boards and for other purposes of the City at the date of said lease being reserved therefrom.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution therein contained adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, requesting to be advised as to the amount and number of contracts entered into now outstanding, what work is now being carried on, and whether it is practicable to reduce the clerical and other force employed by the Department, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to ascertain the facts and prepare a draft of a reply to said communication.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the communication from the Police Department, requesting that repairs be made to the dumping-board at the foot of One Hundred

and Tenth street, Harlem river, reported that he had examined the premises referred to and had found that some poles had been displaced from under a portion of the dumping-board, and that the cost of repairing the same would be about $60, and recommended for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make such repairs to the dumping-board at the foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem river, as may be necessary to place the same in a good and serviceable condition, the Police Department having notified the Board that it is impossible for the scows of the Bureau of Street Cleaning to make fast thereto until repairs are made.

The President, reporting that on the 10th instant he had directed a communication to be addressed to the President and Directors of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, stating that unless the lease for new Pier 34, North river, shall be duly signed without further delay by the officers of said company and by the required sureties, and the sum of $11,250 accrued rent under the lease shall be paid to the Department on or before the 15th instant, immediate action will be taken by the Board to dispossess the said company of the premises, and requested that his action be approved,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 20, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Westervelt.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to an alteration of the pay as fixed of certain men employed on the floating property, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of this Board at meetings held February 16 and 23, ultimo, whereby certain wages or rates of pay for the force employed by the Department were established, be and the same is hereby modified so that the wages to be paid as follows:

To James D. Conwell, Engineer of tug "Manhattan," shall be at the rate of $105 per month, instead of $100 per month.

To John R. Grant, foreman of carpenters and caulkers, shall be at the rate of 42 cents per hour, instead of 38 cents per hour.

To Henry K. Webb, foreman of scowmen, shall be at the rate of $15 per week, instead of $13.50 per week, and

To Samuel Fitzpatrick, office keeper at Christopher street, shall be at the rate of $15 per week of 7 days, instead of $2.50 per day.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 22, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

The President being absent,

On motion, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held March 15 were read and approved.

A petition was received from the New York Gas-light Company for permission to drive iles and make repairs to their Pier at the foot of Twenty-first street, East river, and being ad, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the permission asked for ad been granted, provided that the lines of the pier as they now exist shall not be extended nd that the work be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the petition placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From the Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for the week nding March 21.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending March 18.

From Austin Baldwin & Co.—Stating that they are no longer applicants for the lease of ew Pier 43, North river.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 29, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

The President being absent,

On motion, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The minutes of the meetings held 20th and 22d instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction, equesting that two spring-piles be repaired at the dock at Blackwell's Island, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make such repairs o the Charity Hospital dock, Blackwell's Island, as may be required, the Commissioners of ublic Charities and Correction reporting two spring-piles in bad condition.

A petition was received from the Stephens and Condit Transportation Company, requesting that permission be granted for driving about 11 spring-piles at Pier 22, North river, to acilitate the landing of their steamboats, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Stephens and Condit Transportation Company, lessee of the southerly half of Pier 22, North river, to drive

thereat 11 spring-piles in order to facilitate the landing of the boats of said company, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and the piles to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A petition was received from A. Tiedermann, to lease the upper half of Pier 62, foot of Stanton street, and portion of Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and offering therefor as annual rent, payable quarterly in advance, in the sum of $600 and $400 respectively, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Tiedermann that leases for the said wharf property can only be obtained by purchase at public sale, due notice of which will be advertised in the "City Record," and other papers designated by law.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From I. T. Commoss—To place advertising sign on easterly side of Pier 21, East river.

From Peter Sanford & Co.—Offering to furnish Department with yellow pine piles.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Finance—As to amount to credit of Department of Docks, on March 25.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending March 25.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements during week ending March 28.

A communication was received from F. Wallroth, Esq., requesting that a map prepared by the Department of the City of New York, showing the original high and low water marks be furnished for the use of a public library in Europe, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Frederick Wallroth for a copy of the map showing the original high and low water marks, etc., of the city as published by the Department, to be forwarded to a public library in Europe, be and the same is hereby granted ; provided, that the name and location of the said library be first advised to this Board.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the Commissioners, a reply had been sent to Mr. M. M. Caleb's communication, in reference to the erection by the Erie Railway Company of a shed on Pier 8, East river, to the effect that in the opinion of the Commissioners, the erection of said shed does not withdraw in any sense the pier from the operation of the Act of 1857, referred to in said communication, and that the lessees of the pier must still continue to use it subject to all the conditions of said act, as completely as if no shed was erected ;

Also, that on the 22d instant, C. H. Longstreet, purchaser of the lease of the outer half of the easterly side of Pier 22, East river, had been notified to at once forward to this office the sum of $687.50, being 25 per cent. of the amount of the annual rent bid for said premises at the public sale held on the 7th instant, and also to sign the terms of sale, etc.,

On motion, the action taken as above was approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the New York Balance Dock Company be and it is hereby notified, that ıe terms and conditions of the sale of leases for wharf property held on 7th instant, have not ɜen complied with by the said company, and that in event of the sum of $2,902.50 (being 25 ɜr cent. of the amount of rent bid at said sale by N. Duell, for lot No. 16, and 25 per cent. of ıe annual rent bid at said sale by Wm. F. Buckley, for lot No. 17), remaining unpaid to this ɜpartment, on Wednesday next, 5th proximo, at 3 o'clock P. M., and the agreement to exe- ıte leases for said premises not being signed on or before that date, that this Board will be ɔmpelled to advertise the said leases for sale at public auction without delay.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cement delivered to ıe Department by F. Spies & Co., contractors, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 5, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held March 29 were read and approved.

A petition was received from James McIntire, contractor for building new Pier 42, North ɪver, in reference to an extension of time for the full completion of the pier, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the condition ɔf the connection between West street and the platform leading to new Piers 46 and 47, North ɪver, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cover the con- ıection between West street and the platform leading to new Piers 46 and 47, North river, ɪith three-inch spruce plank, for the space of 112 feet by 25 feet, at a cost for labor and naterials of about $200, in accordance with the recommendation contained in his communi- ɜation of this date.

A petition was received from Benjamin Aymar, to insert a six-inch drain pipe in ɪhe bulkhead in front of Nos. 34 and 35 South street, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Benj. Aymar to insert in the bulkhead between Piers 10 and 11, East river, a 6-inch sewerage pipe, to connect with building Nos. 34 and 35 South street, the owner of said bulkhead having filed his written

consent thereto; the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and the pipe to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from John G. Dale, agent, requesting that a permit be granted him to retain the shed and other structures erected on Pier 45, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Inman Steamship Company (Limited), to maintain the shed and other structures now erected on Pier 45 (old number), North river, for the protection of property received or discharged thereat; provided that the said shed and structures are constructed subject to the regulation of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of New York for 1875, and shall remain on said pier only during the pleasure of this Board or its successor.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements during the week ending April 4.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending April 1.

Mr. Harvey P. Farrington appeared before the Board, in reference to the condition of the slips adjacent to the Pier foot of Twentieth street, and north side of Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river, leased by him, and being heard at length as to the necessity of dredging the same,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to dredge in the slip adjacent to the upper side of the Pier at the foot of Thirteenth street, North river, for the space of two days, and on both sides adjacent to the Pier at the foot of Twentieth street, North river, for the space of four days; Mr. H. P. Farrington, the lessee, having notified this Board that there is not sufficient depth of water to accommodate vessels using the pier, no dredging having been done at the said premises by this Department since March 31, 1875, when leases therefor were disposed of at public auction.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent McConkey having reported that there are two holes on the westerly side of Pier 6, East river, which need to be filled with earth or stone, and also, that on the easterly side of Pier 7, East river, a new cap piece of timber is required, and also, that the easterly side of Pier 15, East river, is in a dangerous condition,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to make such repairs to the premises in the vicinity of the westerly side of Pier 6, East river, as may be necessary to put the same in good and safe condition, it being reported

o this Department that two large holes at present exist therein, caused by the recent heavy ains.

On motion, the Erie Railway Company, lessee of Pier 7, East river, and the Union Ferry ompany, lessee of the easterly side of Pier 15, East river, were directed to make the necesary repairs to the said premises.

Superintendent Smith, having reported that the dumping-board at the foot of Twelfth reet, North river, was in a dangerous condition,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make repairs to e dumping-board foot of Twelfth street, North river, the Dock Superintendent of the disict having reported it to be in a dangerous condition, requiring to be sheathed, backingieces to be replaced, etc.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, 7th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 6, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to new plan for building bulkhead wall on North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to the construction of new Pier 1, North river.

A petition was received from Thomas J. Madge, for permission to erect on the bulkhead ot of Maiden lane a shelter for the fruit landed there, he having made arrangements with the resent lessee for a transfer of his lease, and being read, and the petitioner being heard at ngth as to the necessity existing for the accommodation applied for in order to prevent in ture the loss of fruit from exposure to sun and rain, and the President reporting that he had ersonally visited the locality in question to determine as to the question of granting the etition,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Thomas J. Madge to rect, at his own cost and expense, in front of the bulkhead at the foot of Maiden lane, etween Piers 18 and 19, East river, a platform on piles, and to place and maintain thereon shed or building for the reception of fruit landed there. The said platform to be built in he centre of the bulkhead, 60 feet in length and 12 feet in width, and the building to be onstructed in accordance with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as equired by chapter 245, Laws of 1875, and the improvement to remain during the pleasure f the Board. The work to be constructed under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of his Department ; provided the said Madge shall, within five days from the date hereof, file in this Department his consent, in writing, to pay as rent for the use of the land under water covered by the said platform in the sum of $250 annually.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Board will and hereby does agree and consent to the assignment or transfer to Thomas J. Madge of the lease, when executed, of the bulkhead situated between Piers 18 and 19, East river, purchased by Edgar W. Youmans at public sale November 5, 1875, provided that such rent as shall have accrued for said premises shall be first paid over to this Department, and that the assignment shall be executed in due form and approved by the sureties to the lease.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a public sale of leases for certain wharf property held November 5, 1875, the lease for the easterly half of Pier 18, East river, was purchased by Herman Gelpcke : and

Whereas, The said Herman Gelpcke has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of said public sale, and is in default thereunder to the City in the sum of $1,166.83 ; therefore be it

Resolved, That a lease for the easterly half of Pier 18, East river, be offered for sale at public auction for the term of three years from the 1st of May, 1876, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to advertise the said sale forthwith in the newspapers designated by law.

Mr. William F. Buckley appeared before the Board, in reference to the leases purchased by him at the public sale held March 7, 1876, for the New York Balance Dock Company, and stated that he was unable to provide sureties to said leases as provided for in the terms of said sale, and refused to sign said terms himself on behalf of the Balance Dock Company, for the reason that he was not satisfied as to the title of the City to the 45 feet of bulkhead adjoining Pier 41, East river, included in the leases purchased, and being heard at length, and refusing also to pay the twenty-five per cent. of the annual rent bid for said leases at the sale referred to ;

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a public sale of leases for certain wharf property held March 7, 1876, the lease for the westerly half of Pier 40, East river, and the lease for the easterly half of said pier and bulkhead adjoining, and Pier 41, and 45 feet of bulkhead adjoining easterly side, were purchased respectively by N. Duell and William F. Buckley, both for account of the New York Balance Dock Company ; and

Whereas, The said New York Balance Dock Company has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of said public sale, and is in default thereunder to the City in the sum of $2,902.50, therefore be it

Resolved, That a lease of Pier 40, East river, and one-half of the bulkhead adjoining easterly side thereof, and a lease for Pier 41, East river, and one-half of the bulkhead adjoining westerly side thereof, together with about forty-five feet of the bulkhead adjoining easterly side, be offered for sale at public auction for the term of three years each from the 1st of May, 1876, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to advertise the said sale forthwith in the newspapers, as designated by law.

The President reporting that, in accordance with the request of the Board of March 8, last, he had conferred with the Engineer-in-Chief as to the drawings, etc. to accompany the report of the Engineers appointed by his Honor the Mayor to make an examination of the

ulkhead wall at Canal and King streets, North river, and also that the cost of printing 500 opies of said report, including drawing and photographs of the work, would be $320,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby empowered to make arrangements for ıe printing of 500 copies of the report of the Engineers appointed by his Honor the Mayor ı make an examination of the bulkhead wall at Canal and King streets, North river, at a ɔst, including maps and photographs, of three hundred and twenty dollars ($320).

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Stonington Steamɔat Company to occupy from the 1st of May, 1876, for commercial purposes, the south half f Pier 33, North river, provided the said company shall first, and within five days after the ɛceipt of this permit, file in this Department a written agreement to pay rent therefor in the ım of $10,000 per annum, payable quarterly, and to remove from the said premises when ɔtified so to do by this Board or its successor.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That leases for the following piers and bulkheads for the terms from May 1, 376, as stated below, subject to the usual covenants and conditions, rents payable quarterly ı advance, be disposed of at public auction to the bidder who shall offer as rent therefor the .rgest sum over and above the amount fixed herein for each separate parcel of wharf roperty.

1. Pier at foot of West Eleventh street and bulkhead extending easterly from the southerly side thereof to the west line of West street, 10 years.....	$5,500 00
2. North half of Pier foot of West Thirteenth street, 10 years.....	825 00
3. Pier at foot of West Twentieth street, 10 years.....	1,500 00
4. Pier at foot of West Twenty-second street, 10 years.....	1,400 00
5. Pier 42, old number, 3 years.....	4,500 00
6. Bulkhead at foot of West Nineteenth street, 3 years.....	250 00
7. Pier at foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, 3 years.....	200 00
8. Pier at foot of West One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, 3 years.....	200 00

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9. Easterly half of Pier 18, 3 years.....	$4,000 00
10. Pier 40 and half of bulkhead adjoining easterly side, 3 years.....	5,000 00
11. Pier 41 and half of bulkhead adjoining westerly side, and about 45 feet of bulkhead adjoining easterly side, 3 years.....	5,500 00
12. One undivided ninth part of Pier 42, 3 years.....	250 00
13. Northerly half of Pier 62, foot of Stanton street, 3 years.....	800 00
14. Pier at foot of Fifth street, excepting portion used for dumping-board on south side, and for public bath-house during summer season on north side, 3 years.....	400 00
15. Bulkhead at foot of East Sixteenth street, 3 years.....	500 00
16. Pier at foot of East Twenty-third street, excepting outer end and berth for school-ship on south side, 3 years.....	500 00

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17.	Pier at foot of East One Hundred and Ninth street, 3 years.....	$750 00
18.	Pier or platform at foot of East One Hundred and Twentieth street, 3 years	500 00

Resolved, That the officers of this Board be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may be disposed of, when prepared in proper form and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to make arrangements with Mr. William Kennelly, auctioneer, for the sale of the above leases and cause notices of said proposed sale to be inserted in the papers designated by law.

A communication was received from Edward E. Bowns, forwarded by the Comptroller, desiring to be advised as to whether any piers below Grand street could be had on lease for the storage and sale of coal, etc., and being read

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the petitioner that leases for all the wharf property owned by the Corporation, which can be disposed of at present, will be offered for sale at public auction on the 21st instant.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 12, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held April 5 and 6, were read and approved.

A petition was received from John R. Clark, for permission to erect at the foot of Seventy-fifth street, North river, a small building for the protection of the end of the telegraphic cable landed there, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John R. Clark to land at the foot of Seventy-fifth street, North river, telegraphic cables, and to erect in the immediate vicinity a house about 10 feet square by 10 feet high for the protection of said cables; provided that he shall first obtain the written consent of the owner, lessee or Department having control over the premises upon which it is proposed to erect the said house, that it may be erected thereon, and provided further that said house be constructed in conformity with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings.

A petition was received from the Stephens & Condit Transportation Company, lessee of the southerly side of Pier 22, North river, for permission to erect a gate across the pier, to be used on Sundays only, in order to facilitate the collection of passenger fares, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Dimock to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction,) have small repairs made to dock at Blackwell's Island, and Pier foot of Twenty-sixth reet, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the neces- ıry repairs to the Workhouse dock at Blackwell's Island, and to the dock at foot of Twenty- xth street, East river, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction having reported ıat three spring piles at the former and two at the latter dock need repairing.

A petition was received from the Hartford and New York Steamboat Company, to add a :cond story to the freight shed occupied by it on the bulkhead adjoining easterly side of Pier 4, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Hartford and New 'ork Steamboat Company, to add a second story to the shed occupied by said company for pro- :ction of freight and merchandise, and situated on the bulkhead easterly of and adjoining ier 24, East river, to be used as a clerks' office, and to remain only during the pleasure of ıe Board ; provided that the said shed and second story shall conform to the regulations of he Superintendent of Buildings as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of State of New 'ork, 1875.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From F. Spies & Co.—In reference to cement delivered by them under contract with)epartment.

From Thomas J. Madge—Accepting terms of resolution granting permission to erect latform at Maiden lane.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending April 8.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending ıpril 11.

From Stonington Steamboat Company—Agreeing to pay rent for south side of Pier 33, forth river.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, twenty-six in number, also claims of ames Rogers and W. W. Burnham and Watrous and Wilson, amounting in the whole to the ım of $8,232.84, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, ogether with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

Communications were received from R. J. Cortis, agent of the Oceanic Steam Navigation ompany (White Star Line), lessee of new Piers 44 and 45, North river, etc., and from F. W. Hurst, agent National Steamship Line, lessee of Piers 44 and 47, North river, requesting

that the exclusive use of said piers be assigned to the companies using the same, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, or White Star Line, that the lease for new Piers 44 and 45, North river, provided for the exclusive use of said piers, and for maintaining the shed and structures thereon. and to issue to the National Steamship Company the customary permit for maintaining on Piers 44 and 47 (old numbers), North river, the sheds and structures now erected thereon.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the prosecution of work on the Canal street section, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the completion of the Canal street section of the bulkhead wall on the North river water-front, upon the block system, so as to finish the said section from the southerly side of Pier 42 (old number) to the southerly side of Pier 43 (old number), the work to be done by the force of the Department, and in conformity with the recommendations made by him in his communication dated 12th instant, and in accordance with the suggestions contained in the recent report made by the Board of Engineers, appointed by his Honor the Mayor to examine said section of the bulkhead wall.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary repairs to that portion of Pier 42, North river (old number), west of the new bulkhead line, in conformity with the recommendation contained in his communication dated 12th instant, the repairs to be completed on or before the 1st proximo, and not to exceed in cost the sum of $800.

The communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, under date April 7, in reference to the construction of new Pier 1, North river, was

On motion, taken from the table, and the following resolution unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the plans for the construction of new Pier 1, North river, prepared in compliance with a resolution adopted by the Board on May 11, 1871, be and the same are hereby so modified as to reduce the length of said pier by 49 4-10 feet, thereby making it 452 2-10 feet long instead of 501 6-100 feet as proposed by said plans, and that the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the construction of the unfinished part of said pier, the work to be done by the force of the Department, and in conformity with the recommendations contained in his communication of 5th instant.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board he had granted to the New York Mutual Gas-light Company, permission to erect on the bulkhead occupied by it at the foot of Thirteenth street, East river, a temporary platform, supported by brackets, in order to facilitate the loading of the scows of said company with refuse, etc.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for building a pile pier at the foot of Bank street, North river), held April 14, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt, and the Comptroller.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Six proposals for building a pier at the foot of Bank street, North river, were received from the following-named persons:

No. 1. George C. Richardson, $5,395.54.

No. 2. H. V. & R. B. Sloat, $4,722.55.

No. 3. James D. Leary, $5,501.10.

No. 4. James & J. E. McIntire, $4,371.66.

No. 5. Alfred J. Murray, $4,439.28.

No. 6. Daniel Hart Darby, $5,102.56.

—and being read, were

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 18, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Executive Committee presented the following report:

The Committee report that they have had under consideration the six proposals for building wooden pier at foot of Bank street, North river, and the Comptroller having advised that neither James McIntire, James E. McIntire nor McIntire Brothers is in arrears or in default to the Corporation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the contract for building wooden pier, to be situated at foot of Bank street, North river, be and the same is hereby awarded to McIntire Brothers, of No. 229 Broadway, their bid for building said pier being the lowest under proposals publicly opened on April 14, 1876.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions therein contained adopted.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, requesting that the rental of wharf property occupied by the ferry foot of Cortlandt street and the ferry foot of Chambers street be fixed by the Department of Docks, in order that the franchises of the right to maintain ferries at those points may be disposed of by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

Commissioner Dimock, to whom was referred the petition of the Stephens & Condit Transportation Company, for permission to erect a gate across Pier 22, North river, occupied by it, in order to facilitate the collection of passenger fares, reporting that he had examined into the matter, and saw no objection to the erection of said gate ; provided, the same should be closed on Sundays only,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Stephens & Condit Transportation Company, lessees from the City of the lower side of Pier 22, North river, to erect, at its own cost and expense, a gate across the pier, at the inner end thereof, in order to facilitate the collection of fares from their passengers ; provided, that the said gate shall not be closed except on Sundays, and that the consent of the owner and lessee of the upper half of said pier be first obtained and filed in this office. The said gate to be erected under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and remain during the pleasure of the Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 21, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held April 12, 14 and 18, were read and approved.

A petition was received from N. Birchall for permission to rebuild his docks at Port Morris, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Nathan Birchall to rebuild, at his own cost and expense, the bulkhead owned or occupied by him at Port Morris, East river ; provided, that the lines of the bulkhead as at present existing shall be preserved in rebuilding, and that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from A. M. Pentz, objecting to the locating of the public bath at the Pier foot of West Eleventh street, North river, on account of the crowd of men and boys which congregate in the vicinity, to the detriment of his business, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Pentz that after a thorough examination of the water-front in that part of the city, it is the opinion of this Board that the pier in question is the location best adapted for the public bath, not only for its accessibility to a large number of our citizens, but from the cleanliness of the water at that point.

A communication was received from the Police Department, as to the dangerous condition of Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report on the condition of the pier, and as to cost of making such repairs, if any, as may be required to put said pier in good and safe condition, it being reported as unsafe and dangerous.

A communication was received from C. B. Reilay, stating that an encumbrance existed on Pier 35, North river, in the shape of a small stand used for the purpose of selling hay and feed, and requesting that the same be removed, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine into the facts of the case and report to the Board.

A communication was received from the Union Ferry Company, in reference to repairs needed to Pier 15, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending April 19.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending April 15.

From Department of Finance—As to balance to credit of the Department of Docks on April 15.

From Department of Public Works—In reference to repairs ordered to be made to bulkhead at Pier 6, East river.

From F. Spies & Co.—Requesting that a special audit be had on their bills for cement.

The communication received from the Comptroller, under date 17th instant, in reference to the rents to be fixed for the wharf property occupied by the Cortlandt Street and Pavonia Ferries, was

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to his communication dated 17th instant, requesting the Department to fix the value of the annual rental of the pier and bulkhead property owned by the City connected with the ferries at the foot of Cortlandt street and at foot of Chambers street, North river, that

1st. In regard to the Cortlandt Street Ferry, that the south half of Pier 18, North river, and 23 feet of bulkhead adjoining, were leased at a public sale held March 7 last, to the Associates of the Jersey Company for the term of ten years from 1st of May, 1876, at an annual rent of $7,510, and

2d. In regard to the Chambers Street Ferry, that the Board respectfully refers to the resolution adopted at its meeting held July 21, 1875, a copy of which was transmitted to him that date, and respectfully requests that the agreement recommended therein be continued in force until the completion of the proposed permanent improvement of the premises occupied by said ferry, it being the determination of this Department to commence and proceed with the work of said improvement at the earliest practicable date.

A communication was received from Robert B. Bathbone tendering his resignation as "rodman" in the Department, and being read,

On motion, said resignation was accepted, to take effect 1st instant.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 26, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held 21st instant were read and approved.

A petition was received from Thomas J. Madge, lessee of the bulkhead foot of Maiden lane and east side of Pier 18 adjoining, for permission to extend the proposed platform in front of the said bulkhead up to the easterly side of Pier 18, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Thos. J. Madge to extend the platform to be erected in front of the bulkhead between Piers 18 and 19, East river, under permission given by this Board 6th instant, westwardly a distance of about 30 feet, so as to connect the same with Pier 18 on the easterly side, and to place and maintain on said extension a shed or building similar to that to be erected on the 60 feet of the said platform, the said shed to be subject to all the provisions of chapter 249, Laws of 1875, and the improvement to all the terms and conditions of resolution adopted said 6th instant, provided the said Madge shall agree in writing to pay to this Department for the use of the additional land under water to be covered by said extension the sum of $125 per annum, thereby making the whole annual rent to be paid $375.

A petition was received from the General Transatlantic Company, asking that they be permitted to commence the erection of their shed on new Pier 42, North river, now being constructed under contract with the Department, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the General Transatlantic Company to proceed with the erection of a shed to be placed and maintained on new Pier 42, North river, provided that the said company shall first obtain and file in this office the written consent of the contractor for building the pier that the work may commence, and that it will not interfere with the completion of his contract.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—To widen Pier 27 and extend the bulkhead between Piers 26 and 28, North river.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—To widen Pier 5, East river, and extend bulkhead between Piers 4 and 6, East river.

From Albany Day Line of Steamers—To extend and widen Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river, leased by it.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs needed to Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river.

From Conference Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and others—In reference to improvement of the water-front.

On motion, the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company was requested to furnish to this Board a map showing the improvements proposed to be made at Piers 26 and 27, North river, petitioned for this day.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From McIntire Bros.—Accepting award of contract for building Pier foot of Bank street, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending April 15.

From Treasurer Department of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for the week ending April 25.

From H. A. Peck & Co.—In reference to the allowance made in rent of Pier 61, East river, and Pier foot of Thirty-eighth street, East river.

A communication was received from William Kennelly, enclosing account sales of leases of wharf property offered by him at public sale April 21, 1876, as follows:

Lot.		
1.	John D. Tracy	$5,950 00
2.	Withdrawn. No bid.	
3.	Knickerbocker Ice Company	1,505 00
4.	Albany Day Line	1,410 00
5.	E. W. Youmans	4,510 00
6.	"	255 00
7 and 8.	Withdrawn. No bids.	
9.	Thomas J. Madge	4,015 00
10.	Withdrawn. No bids.	
11.	J. W. Thompson, for the Washington Line of Steamers	5,505 00
12.	Wm. T. Buckley	251 00
13.	Withdrawn. No bids.	
14.	Joseph V. Brown	405 00
15.	Manhattan Gas Company	525 00
16.	Joseph V. Brown	565 00
17.	Harlem and New York Navigation Company	755 00
18.	" " "	505 00

On motion, the account sales was received, and placed on file.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to the construction of the bulkhead wall at King street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting for the signatures of the Commissioners, the petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners to condemn for the uses and purposes of the Corporation, the wharf property

known as the upper side of Pier 33, and lower side of Pier 34, North river, and being read, and the Commissioners affixing their signatures thereto,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward the same to the Counsel to the Corporation without delay.

The Secretary reporting that as directed by the Board on the 15th ultimo, he had prepared a communication, in reply to the request contained in the resolutions adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 7th March last, which had been transmitted under date 22d instant, advising them of the contracts now in force, of the work being carried on, as furnished by the Engineer-in-Chief, and also that the Board had already placed the clerical and other forces of the Department upon the lowest basis both as to numbers and compensation which could in its judgment be done consistently with the proper performance of the duties imposed by statute upon the Department,

On motion, the communication from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was taken from the table and placed on file, and the reply as prepared by the Secretary approved.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, lessee of Pier 48, North river, be and they are hereby informed that this Department will grant a lease, for a term of ten years, to said company of a pier to be built wholly or in part upon the premises now occupied by said Pier 48, as soon as the pier shall be constructed and completed by this Department, in conformity with the new plans adopted or to be adopted for the improvement of the water-front, at a yearly rent of $22,500 ; but it is understood that the said company shall have no right to the use of any portion of the water on the north side of the said pier, which is to be used by the Central Railroad of New Jersey for ferry purposes. The Department reserves the right to rebuild the said pier, and the bulkhead wall contiguous thereto, at such time as it may by said Department be deemed expedient ; and further that until the Department shall take possession of the said Pier 48, for the purpose of rebuilding, the said company shall pay to this Department, as rent for the use of the pier (excepting the "L" on the north side thereof), the rate of $15,000 per annum ; but it is understood that the said company shall have no right, during such period, to the use of any portion of the water on the said north side, said "L" and said water having been reserved by the Department for a ferry for the said Central Railroad of New Jersey ; provided that the said Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company shall, within five days from the receipt thereof, file in this office its acceptance in writing of the terms hereof, and agree to execute a lease, containing the usual covenants and conditions, and in conformity with the terms herein set forth for the pier when so rebuilt and ready for occupancy.

Resolved, That the Central Railroad of New Jersey be and they are hereby informed that this Department will grant a lease to the said corporation, for a term of ten years, of the northerly side of a pier to be built wholly or in part upon the premises now occupied by Pier 48, North river, for the purpose of erecting thereat a ferry rack, as soon as the pier shall be constructed and completed by this Department, in conformity with the new plans adopted or to be adopted for the improvement of the water-front, at a yearly rent of $7,500 ; but it is understood that the said corporation shall have no right to the use of any portion of the surface of said pier ; the Department reserve the right to rebuild the said pier and the bulkhead wall contiguous thereto, at such time as it may by said Department be deemed expedient ; and further, that until the Department shall take possession of the said Pier 48, for the pur-

pose of rebuilding, the said Central Railroad of New Jersey shall pay to this Department, for the use of the whole of the "L" on the north side of said pier and for the use of the water adjacent to said north side for ferry purposes, rent at the rate of $5,000 per annum ; but it is understood that the said corporation shall have no right, during such period, to the use of any portion of the surface of said pier, excepting that of the said "L"; provided that the said Central Railroad of New Jersey shall, within five days after receipt of this notice, file in this office its acceptance in writing of the terms hereof, and agree to execute a lease containing the usual covenants and conditions, and in conformity with the terms herein set forth, for the northerly side of the pier, when so rebuilt and ready for occupancy.

Resolved, That the National Steamship Company, lessee of Pier 47, North river, be and they are hereby informed that this Department will grant a lease, for a term of ten years, to said company of a pier to be built wholly or in part upon the premises now occupied by said Pier 47, as soon as the pier shall be constructed and completed by this Department in conformity with the new plans adopted or to be adopted for the improvement of the water-front, at a yearly rent of $30,000. The Department reserves the right to rebuild the said pier and the bulkhead wall contiguous thereto at such time as it may by said Department be deemed expedient. And further, that until the Department shall take possession of the said Pier 47 for the purpose of rebuilding, the said company shall pay to the Department as rent for the use of the pier the rate of $20,000 per annum ; provided that the said company shall within five days after receipt of this notice file in this office its acceptance, in writing, of the terms hereof, and agree to execute a lease containing the usual covenants and conditions, and in conformity with the terms herein set forth, for the pier, when so rebuilt and ready for occupancy.

Resolved, That Williams & Guion, occupants of Pier 46, North river (old number), be and they are hereby informed that this Department will grant a lease to them for a term of ten years, of a pier to be built, wholly or in part, upon the premises now occupied by said Pier 46, as soon as the pier shall be constructed and completed by this Department in conformity with the new plans adopted or to be adopted for the improvement of the water-front, at a yearly rent of $30,000. The Department reserves the right to rebuild the said pier and the bulkhead wall contiguous thereto, at such time as it may, by said Department be deemed expedient ; and further, that until the Department shall take possession of the said Pier 46, for the purpose of rebuilding, they shall pay to this Department as rent for the use of the pier the rate of $20,000 per annum ; provided that they shall within five days after receipt of this notice file in this office their acceptance in writing of the terms hereof, and agree to execute a lease, containing the usual covenants and conditions and in conformity with the terms herein set forth, for the pier when so rebuilt and ready for occupancy.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 27, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The communication from Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that the cement received from F. Spies & Co., under their contract, be accepted by the Department, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That Francis Spies & Co. be and they are hereby notified that the contract made with them November 26, 1875, for furnishing 5,000 barrels English Portland cement, is considered by the Department as closed, and that further deliveries under it will not be received; and that the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to certify and approve claims under said contract for 4,801 barrels cement, being the number received thereunder by the Department, without regard to the 199 barrels short delivered.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to advise this Board whether this Department has the right and is bound or compelled by law to expend any portion or part of the proceeds received from sale of dock bonds of the City of New York, issued for the purposes of the Department, in the construction or repairing of any of the dumping-boards erected or to be erected for the uses of the Police Department, either for its Street Cleaning Bureau, or otherwise, and that in connection herewith his attention be asked to communication from the Law Department, dated September 2, 1875, and addressed to this Department.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation in reference to the claim of R. E. Allen & Co., for the cost of a dumping-board erected by them at the foot of Laight street, North river, amounting to $2,117.76, and subsequently taken for the use of the Police Department by order of the Board of Docks, and giving him all the facts of the case, and respectfully requesting him to give his written opinion if this Department can legally purchase the said dumping-board, or reimburse the parties who constructed it, for its cost; and if so, whether the Board can under the restriction of section 91, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, exceed an expenditure therefor of over $1,000, and also as to what course this Board shall adopt in reference to this claim.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 28, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills of Francis Spies & Co., contractors, for furnishing 5,000 barrels English Portland cement, amounting to the sum of $16,515.44, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Company, enclosing consent of James McIntire, contractor for building new Pier 42, North river, to the erection by it of a shed on said pier, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to said company, informing it that permission is granted to proceed with the erection of said shed until it may receive some notification from the said contractor that it is interfering in some manner with the work under his contract, and to advise Mr. McIntire, the said contractor, of this action of the Board.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the New York Balance Dock Company, notifying it that Pier 40, East river, and one-half of bulkhead adjoining easterly side, has not been leased by the City, and that the Department intends to offer for sale at auction in a short time a lease of said premises, and that said company cannot hold over under the expired lease after May 1, 1876.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

UTES OF THE BOARD OF DOCKS

FROM MAY 1, 1876, TO APRIL 28, 1877.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 1, 1876, in compliance with the By-laws pursuant to a call by the President, for the purpose of electing a President and Treasurer ie ensuing year.

Present—The full Board.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, Commissioner Wales was chosen Chairman, and l the meeting to order.

On motion of Commissioner Westervelt, Commissioner Wales was unanimously elected dent of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Commissioner Westervelt be and he is hereby authorized to act as surer pro tem. of the Department and to perform all the duties pertaining to that officer, ecified in the By-laws, and that until the election of a permanent Treasurer, that section article 5 of the By-laws, which requires the Treasurer to give bonds for the faithful rmance of his duties, be and the same is hereby suspended.

Under the requirements of article 3, section 2, the President appointed the following nittees for the ensuing year :

Executive Committee.

Commissioners Dimock and Westervelt.

Auditing Committee.

Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 3, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held April 26, 27 and 28 were read and approved.

A petition was received from F. F. Schultheis, for permission to construct a bulkhead in t of his property between Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, East river, about 50 feet and 10 feet wide, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report whether there is any objection to the construction of the work.

A petition was received from R. W. Cameron, to have the owners of Pier 9, East river, dredge the slips adjacent to the pier, as at present there is not sufficient depth of water for the accommodation of vessels, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John G. Whipple, agent of the owners of Pier 9, East river, be and he is hereby notified and directed to cause the slips on each side of Pier 9, East river, to be dredged so as to leave at low water a depth of 21 feet, complaint having been made to this Department that there is not sufficient depth of water to accommodate the class of vessels using the pier; the said dredging to be done with the least possible delay.

A communication was received from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, asking that, owing to the absence of Mr. J. H. Starin from the city, further time be granted them for the acceptance of the terms of the resolution adopted April 26, whereby a lease was granted of Pier 48, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said company that they are granted an extension of one week from this time in which to file the acceptance referred to.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John Parsons, agent for the owners of the east side of Pier 8, East river, be and he is hereby notified and directed to cause the slip adjacent thereto to be dredged, complaint having been made to this Department that there is not sufficient depth of water to accommodate the class of vessels using the slip; the said dredging to be performed with the least possible delay.

On motion, the communication from the Police Department, and the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the repairs necessary to be made to the Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, was taken from the table and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That H. A. Tiedermann, lessee of Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, be and he is hereby directed to make the repairs to the Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, it being reported as in a dangerous condition, requiring to be resheathed in several places, backing logs replaced and fastened, together with half rounds and close fenders.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Central Railroad of New Jersey, lessee of the north side of Pier 48, North river, to remove at its own cost and expense the sunken canal boats now lying adjacent to said north side of the pier.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Central Railroad of New Jersey—Accepting terms of resolution adopted April 26, as to lease of part of Pier 48, North river.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts, etc., for week ending May 2.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending April 29.

From Thomas J. Madge—Accepting terms of resolution, granting extension of platform at Maiden lane.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The President reporting that Mr. F. W. J. Hurst of the National Line of steamers, lessee Pier 47, North river, and Mr. Williams of the firm of Williams & Guion, lessees of Pier 46 ld number), North river, had called on the Commissioners, and stated that in the present :pressed state of business, it was well nigh impossible for them to pay the amount of rent ted for the premises occupied by them, by resolution adopted 26th April last, viz.: at the ite of $20,000 per annum, and that from the views expressed by said lessees as to the condi-on of their business, he was satisfied the subject of a temporary abatement of the rent fixed ı said resolution ought to receive the careful consideration of the Board,

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the National Steamship Company, lessees of Pier 47, North river, be nd they are hereby informed that until further notice from this Department, the rent to be harged to and paid by said company for the above pier, shall be at the rate of $15,000 per nnum.

Resolved, That Williams & Guion, occupants of Pier 46, North river (old number), be and ıey are hereby informed that until further notice from this Department, the rent to be charged) and paid by them for the above pier, shall be at the rate of $15,000 per annum.

A communication was received from Thomas C. Burke, lessee of Pier 48, East river, the :ase of which was purchased by him at public sale held 7th March last, stating that he has een unable to obtain possession of the premises owing to their occupation in part by the oating dock of The New York Sectional Dry Dock Company, that he had made a demand pon said company for the possession of said pier, which they refused to give and requesting ıch action on the part of this Board as will put him in possession of the said pier, and being :ad,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the ›rporation, requesting him to advise this Board with as little delay as possible as to the wer of this Department in the premises, and as to the proper course of action for the Board adopt, in view of the facts as above stated.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 10, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held May 1 and 3 were read and approved.

A petition was received from the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, for per-sion to erect buildings for market purposes on wharf property owned by it, south of Bar-r Street Ferry, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the premises to be visited by the Commissioners.

A petition was received from the Day Line of steamers for permission to erect shed, etc., on pier at the foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, for the protection of freight and passengers, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to A. Van Santvoord, lessee, to erect and maintain on the Pier at the foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, a shed and other structures for the protection of property received and discharged thereat, and passengers, provided that he shall first, and within five days after receipt hereof, file in this office, his written agreement to construct the said improvements, subject to the regulation of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in conformity with plans to be approved by this Department; to regulate the closing of the gates proposed to be erected, so as not to interfere with the commercial traffic of said pier, to do all the work of making said improvements, under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, and to remove any or all of them when so directed to do by this Board or its successor, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever, consequent upon such removal.

A petition was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company, for permission to erect a platform on south side of Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Knickerbocker Ice Company to place upon the surface of the southerly side of the Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, a platform to facilitate the landing of ice; provided, that the said company shall first, and within five days after receipt hereof, file in this office the written consent of the lessee of said pier to the erection of said platform; the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, and the platform to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from Ferdinand Moos, requesting to be furnished with the annual reports of the Department, for transmission to Europe, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to furnish Mr. Moos with the reports required.

A communication was received from Charles A. Harrington, offering to furnish the Department with broken stone and rip-rap at certain prices, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, for consideration and report.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file:

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending May 6.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending May 9.

The petition of the Day Line of steamers, to extend Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river, erect shed, etc., was

On motion, taken from the table, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Day Line of steamers, lessee, to extend the Pier at the foot of Twenty-second street, North river, 125 feet westwardly, and to erect and maintain thereon a shed and other structures for the protection

of property received and discharged thereat, and passengers; provided, that the said Day Line shall first, and within five days after receipt hereof, file in this office its written agreement to pay to this Department, in equal quarterly payments, on the usual quarter days, the sum of $250 per annum, as rent for the land under water to be covered by the said extension, and that the said improvement shall revert to the Corporation of the City of New York at the termination of the lease of said pier, by expiration or otherwise, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever; to construct the said shed and other structures subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in conformity with plans to be approved by this Department; to do all the work of making said improvements under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to remove any or all of them when so directed to do by this Board or its successor, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever consequent upon such removal.

The petition of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company for permission to widen Pier 5, East river, and adjoining bulkhead, was

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, lessees, at their own cost and expense, to drive piles between Piers 4 and 5, and between 5 and 6, East river, and to erect thereon platforms extending southerly from the existing bulkheads a distance of 50 feet; and to widen said Pier 5 on the easterly side for its entire length south of the platform to be erected, to the extent of about 20 feet, thereby making the said pier about 67½ feet wide for a distance of about 487 feet from its outer end; and also to erect and maintain on said Pier 5 and on the bulkheads and platforms adjoining either side thereof a shed and other structures for the protection of property received and discharged thereat; provided that the said company shall first and within ten days after the receipt hereof agree in writing to pay to this Department in equal quarterly payments on the usual quarter days the sum of $1,200 per annum, as rent for land under water to be covered by the said improvements during the existence of the lease for the said premises expiring May 1, 1886; to construct the said shed and other structures subject to the regulations of the Department of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in conformity with plans to be approved by this Board; to do all the work of making said improvements under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to surrender at the termination of said lease, by expiration or otherwise, to the City all right, title and interest in and to all or any of said improvements, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever consequent upon such surrender.

The petition of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for permission to widen Pier 27, North river, etc., was

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to drive piles between Piers 25 and 26 and between 26 and 27, North river, and to erect thereon platforms extending from the existing bulkhead westerly to the bulkhead line established by law, and to widen said Pier 27 on the southerly side for its entire length west of the said bulkhead line to the extent of about 38 feet, thereby making the said pier about 93 feet wide for a distance of about 458 feet from its outer end; and also to erect and maintain on said Pier 25 and on the platforms to be constructed

hereunder, a shed and other structures for the protection of property received and discharged thereat, the east face of said shed or other structure to be about 22 feet west of the west line of West street; provided that the said company shall first and within ten days after receipt hereof, file in this office the written consent of the owner or owners of said Piers 25, 26 and 27 and bulkheads between to the said improvements being made, and agree in writing to pay to this Department in equal quarterly payments on the usual quarter days the sum of $3,150 per annum as rent for land under water to be covered by the said platforms, and the sum of $2,450 per annum as rent for land under water to be covered by the widening of said Pier 27, to construct the said shed and other structures subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in conformity with plans to be approved by this Board ; to do all the work of making said improvements under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to remove any or all of the said improvements when so ordered by this Board or its successors to do, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever consequent upon such removal.

A communication was received from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, accepting the terms of the lease of Pier 48, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

A communication was received from the Chamber of Commerce, advising the appointment of a special committee to represent it in commission of conference on wharf improvements, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the President requested to advise that the appointment of said committee meets with the approval of this Board.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the New York Balance Dock Company be and the said company is hereby notified to remove, without delay, the floating dock now moored in the slip east of and adjacent to Pier 40, East river, the said premises being demanded for the uses and purposes of commerce.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The President presented an injunction notice in the matter of James S. Thayer against The Mayor, etc., concerning the erection of a new Pier at the foot of Bank street, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit the same to the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting him to take such action in the premises as the interests of the City may require.

A communication was received from F. Habkemeier, as to the wharfage collected at Pier at Little Twelfth street, North river, for the year ending May 1, 1876, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to allow a deduction to be made from the rent accrued for the year ending May 1, 1876, under the lease of Pier at Little Twelfth street, North river, to the amount of $542.42, being the amount of

loss claimed to have been sustained by F. Habkemeier, the lessee, consequent upon the Department failing to furnish, during said year, the necessary depth of water at said pier as agreed upon.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in relation to wages to be paid to masons employed by the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the following rates of pay are adopted and established, to take effect from and after 1st instant, in compliance with his recommendation dated 10th instant, to wit:

For Foremen of Masons..... 50 cents per hour.
For Masons..... 35 " "

The report of the operations and action of the Department of Docks for the three months ending March 31, as prepared by the Secretary, was then read, and

On motion, approved and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to his Honor the Mayor.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 16, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Westervelt.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting held May 10, was

On motion, dispensed with.

A petition was received from J. & W. Scott to place on the Pier foot of Thirty-fourth street, North river, a wagon scales for the weighing of ice, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to J. & W. Scott to place on the south side of Pier foot of Twenty fourth street, North river, the lessees having consented thereto in writing, a wagon scale for the weighing of ice, provided that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that they shall first file in this office a written agreement to remove the said scale when so directed to do by this Board or its successor, and to make, at their own cost and expense, such repairs as may be required, consequent upon the removal of said scale, to place the pier in good and proper condition.

A petition was received from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for permission to further extend the bulkhead between Piers 4 and 5, East river, and also to use the water-front at the foot of Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, North river, and being read

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, lessees, to extend the platform to be erected between

Piers 4 and 5, East river, under resolution adopted by this Board on 10th instant, a further distance of 25 feet southerly, subject to all the conditions stated in said resolution, provided that the said company shall first, and within ten days after receipt hereof, agree in writing to pay the additional sum of $80 per annum for the land under water to be covered by the said extension of 25 feet, thereby making the yearly rent for all the improvements to be made between Piers 4 and 6, East river, under the said resolution the sum of $1,280.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the above company requesting it to submit a statement of the uses and purposes for which it desires the bulkheads at the foot of Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, North river, and plans of contemplated improvements, etc.

A communication was received from J. A. Bouker, offering at certain prices to furnish the Department with broken stone, etc., and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the offer of John A. Bouker to furnish the Department with machine-broken trap-rock from Weehawken, screened to pass through a 2½-inch ring, at $2.20 per cubic yard; intermediate trap-rock, as required by Department, at $1.50; rip-rap stone, at 80 cents; and small stone and gravel to fill in spaces, at $1.10, be and the same is hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for consideration and report thereon.

A communication was received from the Police Department, stating that a large hole in the Pier foot of Fortieth street, North river, was dangerous to travel and needed repair, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make, without delay, the repairs necessary to place Pier foot of Fortieth street, North river, in safe and good condition, the Police Department having reported a large hole therein and as requiring immediate attention.

A communication was received from the Central Railroad of New Jersey, enclosing plans of improvements to be made on the north side of Pier 48, North river, and being read,

On motion, said plans were referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report.

A communication was received from the New Haven Steamboat Company and Morrisania Steamboat Company, asking that a portion of the upper side at the outer end of Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, be assigned to their use to facilitate their landings, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said companies that the said pier, excepting the outer end and berth for school-ship on south side, is leased to Joseph V. Brown from the 1st instant, for a term of three years, and that this Department cannot trespass upon the rights of one lessee for the benefit or advantage of another.

A communication was received from the Health Department, requesting that wharf room on the East river, in the neighborhood of Ninety-fifth street, be assigned for the use of the night-soil boat, the premises at the foot of said Ninety-fifth street being no longer available for that purpose, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President for examination and report.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements from May 9 › 16.

From Day Line of Steamers—Accepting terms of resolution granting extension of Pier ›ot of Twenty-second street, North river.

From A. Van Santvoord—Accepting terms of resolution granting erection of shed on ier at Twenty-fourth street, North river.

From Knickerbocker Ice Company—As to their occupancy of south side of Pier foot of 'hirty-third street, East river.

From Lehigh Valley Coal Company—Giving prices at which they will deliver coal to ıe Department.

From James McIntire—In reference to extra work on Pier 42 (new number), for account f lessees of the pier.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending May 13.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, stating in substance that ıis Department could not allow the claim of R. E. Allen & Co., for the sum of $2,117.76, for ıe cost of the dumping-board erected by them at the foot of Laight street, North river, nor ›uld it purchase the said dumping-board, etc., and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to advise Messrs. R. E. Allen & Co. f the substance of said opinion.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, stating in effect that this 'epartment under existing statutes is not obliged to construct at its own cost dumping-boards ır the use of the Police Department for removal of dirt from the streets of the city, and ›ing read, was

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the communication of R. E. Allen & Co., under date September 18, 1874, in ›ference to their claim for cost of dumping-board erected at Laight street, North river, was .ken from the file of the Auditing Committee and placed on file.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of 41 bills, amounting in the whole to the ım of $7,179.26, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, ›gether with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 24, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bill of James McIntire, on account of contract for building new Pier 42, North river, amounting to the sum of $5,523.75, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held May 25, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held May 10th and 16th instant were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Police Department, asking to have cribwork built in order to retain the filling deposited at Randall's Island, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of the Police Department to have cribwork sunk on the exterior water line on the southeast side and adjacent to Randall's Island, to furnish a proper and convenient place for disposing of the materials collected in street sweeping, be and the same is hereby denied, this Board being of the opinion that the erection of said work is not within the jurisdiction of this Department, there being no funds applicable thereto.

A communication was received from Department of Public Charities and Correction, in reference to improvements required at docks on Blackwell's Island, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of the Department of Public Charities and Correction for this Department to remove the soil from the front of the three temporary docks at the northeast end of Blackwell's Island, and to take down the said docks and rebuild them at a point opposite the old quarry grounds, be and the same is hereby denied, the Board being of the opinion that such work forms part of the "plant" for the filling in of the water-front of the Island, and is not within the jurisdiction of this Department, there being no funds applicable thereto.

A petition was received from W. H. McNeele, to retain fence erected on his bulkhead, between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to W. H. McNeele, owner of bulkhead between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, New York, to maintain thereon the fence now erected for the purpose of preventing hogs, driven on the premises, from falling in the slip, the said bulkhead not being used for commercial purposes, the said fence only to remain during the pleasure of this Board, or its successor.

A communication was received from A. McNally and others, masons, in reference to :duction made in their wages, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Anthony McNally and others, masons in the employ f the Department, for a reconsideration of the rate of wages to be paid them as established by :solution adopted 10th instant, be and the same is hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief ›r examination as to the facts recited therein and for report thereon at the earliest date racticable.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that there appeared to be no bjection to the erection by Mr. Schultheis of a bulkhead in front of his property between ixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, East river, and being read,

On motion, the petition of Mr. Schultheis was taken from the table and placed on file, nd the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to F. F. Schultheis to ·ect, at his own cost and expense and in front of property claimed to be owned by him, a ier or bulkhead 10 feet long by 50 feet wide between Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, ast river, the structure to be built upon the crib plan under the supervision of the Engineer- ı-Chief of this Department, and to remain only during the pleasure of this Board or its ıccessor.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, in reference to certain aims filed there of laborers and others in the employ of this Department, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication ıd advise, in reply, the action heretofore taken by this Board in reference to similar claims, ıd also to transmit to said Department a copy of the opinion of the Counsel to the Corpora- on under date 1st March last, in relation to said claims.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing a draft of ·ase of new Pier 42, North river, and the President reporting that he had directed said draft : lease to be sent to the counsel of the General Transatlantic Company for perusal,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President pproved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, requesting that :rths be assigned at Pier foot of Fifth street, East river, and Pier foot of West Eleventh reet, North river, for the two floating baths, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a berth on the north side of the Pier at the foot of Fifth street, East ver, be and the same is hereby set apart for the use of the Department of Public Works, for ıe purpose of mooring thereat during the summer season a free floating bath for public use; ıd that said Department is hereby granted permission to erect at said berth such platforms, :c., as may be required to afford proper ingress and egress for persons using said bath; the ·ork to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Commissioner of Public Works that ıe question of providing a berth for the floating bath at the foot of West Eleventh street is ıder consideration by the Commissioners of this Board.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From David Dows and I. M. Fish—Remonstrating against erection of platforms, etc., between Piers 4 and 6, East river.

From I. & W. Scott—Agreeing to terms of resolution adopted granting erection of scale on Pier at foot of Thirty-fourth street, North river.

From Finance Department—As to amount to the credit of the Department of Docks.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—Accepting terms of resolution adopted granting widening of Pier 27, North river, etc.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending May 20.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending May 23.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From Pacific Mail Steamship Company—To have work of dredging completed at new Pier 34, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to plans submitted by Central Railroad of New Jersey for improvements to be made north side of Pier 48, North river.

From Thomas and Ed. Coady—In reference to use of the new boat landing at Pier 1, North river; petitioners to attend.

From Engineer-in Chief—As to an open space on water-front between Morton and Barrow streets, North river.

From Superintendent Fitzpatrick—In reference to raft located at the foot of Thirty-sixth street, North river.

A petition was received from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, asking that the time be extended for the commencement of the rent of the piers to be erected in the vicinity of Sixtieth and Sixty-fifth streets, North river, as provided for in the lease to said company under date June 22, 1874, the improvements being made by said company at that point having been impeded by the peculiar nature of the river bottom, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, giving the facts of the case and requesting that he give his opinion in writing as to the right and power of this Department, in view of all the circumstances of the case, to grant the extension of time applied for.

An application was received from the Albany Day Line of Steamers to widen the outer end of Pier foot of Twenty-second street, North river, as proposed to be extended, and the President reporting that Mr. Van Santvoord had called on him and explained the necessity for the proposed work,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Albany Day Line of Steamers, lessee, to widen the outer end of the Pier at the foot of Twenty-second street,

orth river, when extended, under resolution adopted 11th instant, by building the west end f said extension 12 feet south of the southerly line of said pier, thereby making the said end 2 feet wide, and then carrying the line for the southerly side of said extension and widening iagonally in an easterly direction so as to meet the southerly line of the pier about 40 feet ast of the said west end, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and the improvements to be subject to the terms set forth in the said resolution.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, requesting to be informed as to what action, if any, had been had by this Department relative to lease of wharf property belonging to the City used by the Associates of the Houston Street Ferry, etc., and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the Comptroller had been duly advised of the action had by this Department in the leasing of said premises by resolution adopted December 12, 1874, and that said corporation had, since said date, promptly paid the rent ($6,500) therein provided, etc.,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President in the premises approved.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the President and Directors of the New York Balance Dock Company, calling their attention to the resolution of this Board adopted on the 11th instant requiring them to remove the balance dock moored in the slip east of and adjoining Pier 40, East river, and notifying said company that an immediate compliance with said notice is expected by this Board; and further, that if it is their intention not to remove said floating dock as directed that they so advise this Board on receipt of this notice.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 2, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Willard A. Nichols be and he is hereby appointed First Assistant Engineer in this Department, at a salary of $3,600 per annum.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the platform being constructed by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, between Piers 25 and 27, North river, projects beyond the established bulkhead line, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company be and it is hereby informed that the platform now being constructed between Piers 25 and 27, North river, is not in accordance with the conditions of the resolution adopted by this Board on the 10th ultimo, authorizing said work, inasmuch as the western extremity of said platform, adjoining Pier 25, is about two feet outside of the bulkhead line established by law, reported by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that said company take immediate steps to have the limits of said platform conform to those set forth in the resolution above referred to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 7, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held May 24 and 25 and June 2 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, requesting that piles be driven at the public baths at Fifth street, East river, and foot of Eleventh street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to drive piles at the sides and ends of the free floating baths located at the upper side of Fifth street, East river, and the upper side of Pier foot of West Eleventh street, in order to protect said baths from damage, the work to be done in the manner heretofore adopted.

A communication was received from Z. Jacques, owner of buildings Nos. 15 and 16 South street, stating that unless measures are taken to prevent the accumulation of the filth discharged from the sewer foot of Broad street, East river, under the platform now building at that point, a great nuisance will be the result, etc., and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company be and they are hereby notified that in making the proposed improvements at Piers 4, 5 and 6, East river, and at Piers 25, 26 and 27, North river, under permission given by this Board by resolution adopted May 10, 1876, provision must be made for the extending of all sewer openings out beyond or to the outside line of such improvements, by constructing box sewers, or in such manner as may be directed by the Department of Public Works, the work to be done under the supervision of that Department.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward to the Commissioner of Public Works a copy of the above resolution.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From H. Delamater & Co.—In reference to the rebuilding of the Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river. H. P. Farrington, the lessee of upper side of said pier, to confer with the Commissioners on 9th instant.

From William Menzies—In reference to brick, etc., encumbering Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, North river. Dock Superintendent Fitzpatrick to call on the President.

From A. Wiswall—On behalf of St. John's Guild, to have a berth at the south side of Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, assigned for hospital barge. Joseph V. Brown, lessee of said pier, to be requested to call and confer with the President.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to cost of repairing Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river.

A communication was received from Austin Baldwin & Co. for the use and occupation of new Pier 43, North river, when the same shall be surrendered by the General Transatlantic Company, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Secretary of State—Enclosing certified copy of act regulating the deposit of edged material.

From Board of Commissioners of Pilots—In relation dumping-ground designated for the posit of dredging.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending June 3.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for the week end-g June 6.

From William H. Wickham, Mayor—In reference to the delay in payment of pay-rolls Department.

The President reporting that the Secretary of State had, in accordance with his request, ınsmitted a duly certified copy of the act in reference to the depositing of dredged material, ssed at the late session of the Legislature,

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and the Treasurer pro tem. quested to remit to the Secretary of State the amount of his fees for said certified copy, viz. .50.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That a berth at the north side of the Pier at foot of Eleventh street, North 'er, be and the same is hereby set apart for the use of the Department of Public Works, for e purpose of mooring thereat, until the 1st of October, 1876, a free floating bath for public e ; and that said Department is hereby granted permission to erect at said berth such plat-ms, etc., as may be required to afford proper ingress and egress for persons using said th ; the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

The Secretary reporting that as directed by the Commissioners he had conferred with hn D. Tracy, the lessee of the Pier foot of West Eleventh street, in reference to the placing the free floating bath at the north side of the pier, and that said lessee had agreed to accept remuneration for the said berth, from June 1 to October 1, 1876, the sum of $950,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to allow a duction of $950 to be made from the rent accruing under lease for the pier, etc., at foot of eventh street, North river, held by John D. Tracy, and expiring May 1, 1886, the said owance to be made from the rent due and payable August 1, 1876, and in consequence of e Department having set apart a berth on the north side of said pier for the use of a free ating bath from June 1 to October 1, 1876.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, It appears by the official record of the Board of Aldermen, at a stated ssion held May 18, 1876, as published in the "City Record" issued 19th ultimo, that resolution was adopted granting permission to the New York Central and Hudson ver Railroad Company to draw freight cars by steam power from the tracks of said com-

pany in Canal street through and along West street to and upon Piers 25 and 26, North river, with the privilege of extending the tracks of said company for that purpose ; and

Whereas, It further appears by the "City Record" issued 26th ultimo that at a subsequent stated session of the said Board of Aldermen, held May 25, 1876, a message was received from his Honor the Mayor, returning said resolution without his approval for the reasons therein stated ; and

Whereas, Section 13 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873 requires that the said Board of Aldermen shall, within fifteen days after the said resolution shall have been so returned, proceed to reconsider and vote upon the same ; be it therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board governing the Department of Docks, the adoption of the said resolution by the Board of Aldermen when it shall be reconsidered would not only be objectionable for the reasons so fully and ably set forth in the said message by his Honor the Mayor, but more especially on the ground that the large extent of property owned by the City along the water-front where it is proposed to permit the said company to construct its track, would be so depreciated in value consequent upon such an obstruction to its free use, as to materially reduce the revenue now received from that source ; the present overcrowded condition of that section of the water-front is sufficient evidence as to what must result by introducing at the present time such a formidable obstruction to free travel as would be either an additional single or double track for a steam railway, and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Docks, as the managers of the water-front of the city, respectfully but most urgently protest against the adoption of the said resolution by the Board of Aldermen.

The following communications were,

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

From Union Ferry Company—In reference to repairs required on Pier 15, East river.

From Pacific Mail Steamship Company—In reference to have the work of dredging completed at new Pier 34, North river.

From Conference Committee of Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and others—In reference to plans for the improvement of the water-front of the city.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read.

Superintendent Butler having reported that Pier 59 and Piers at the foot of East Twenty-third and Thirty-third streets were in need of repairs.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Knickerbocker Ice Company, lessees, be and they are hereby notified to make such repairs to Pier 59, East river, as may be required to put it in a good and safe condition, report having been made to this Board that it is in bad condition.

Resolved, That Jos. V. Brown, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make such repairs to the Pier at foot of Twenty-third street, East river, as may be required to put it in good condition, report having been made to this Board that the sheathing needs repairing.

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make such repairs to Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, as may be required to put the same in good condition, report having been made to this Board that the sheathing needs repairing.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Captain Briggs, President of the New York Floating Dry Dock Company, to furnish this Board with a copy of the Act of the Legislature referred to by him as conferring special privileges upon floating docks in the use and occupation of wharves and slips.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from W. A. Nichols, accepting position as First Assistant Engineer in the Department, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

A communication was received from the Central Railroad of New Jersey, enclosing plans of improvement at Pier 48, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the plans, etc., presented by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, for the shed and other structures proposed to be erected on the premises north of and adjacent to Pier 48, North river, to be occupied for ferry purposes, be and the same are hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report as to whether they meet his approval.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing form of proposal and contracts for the building of a platform in rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46, North river, and plans for same, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract as proposed by the Engineer-in-Chief for the construction of a platform in the rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46, North river, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed and advertisements inviting proposals for building said platform inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 21, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held June 7 were read and approved.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the condition of the bulkhead between Piers 28 and 29, North river, and stating that a portion of it required to be raised, etc., and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the bulkhead between Piers 28 and 29, North river, be notified to make the necessary repairs thereto without delay, complaint having been made by the Police Department to this office that the said premises are in an unsafe condition, and that the work of making said repairs must be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from the Health Department, in reference to the nuisance complained of as existing on south side of Pier 23, East river, on account of numerous small stands for the sale of fish, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President for personal examination and report.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, stating that a hydrant had been placed at Gansevoort street, etc., for the use of the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue such instructions as may be necessary to protect the hydrant to be placed on the bulkhead opposite the Gansevoort street store-houses, North river, from rough usage by boatmen and others, and to prevent any waste of water therefrom, and that during the winter months to take such action as may be required to keep the water therein from being frozen.

A communication was received from G. Ferguson, in reference to the throwing into the slip and river of garbage and other offensive matter, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Ferguson that he should make application to the Health Department for relief, and that this Board will co-operate so far as its authority may extend in any measure which may be adopted for the abatement of the nuisance.

A petition was received from Sutton & Co., in reference to an increased depth of water required at the south side of Pier 19, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Sutton & Co. to have the slip adjacent to the westerly side of Pier 19, East river, dredged to a depth of 24 feet at low water be and the same is hereby denied, the terms of the leases under which the said portion of the pier is now held requiring that the lessees shall keep the said slip dredged to a sufficient and proper depth for the accommodation of commerce generally.

A petition was received from Theodore F. Tone, asking to be allowed to transfer his lease of bulkhead at foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Board will and hereby does agree and consent to the transfer or assignment to Nicholas Rogers of the lease of the bulkhead adjoining the Pier at the foot of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, purchased by Theodore F. Tone at public sale held June 10, 1875, provided that the accrued rent shall first be paid over to this Department, and the sureties to the lease consent and agree to continue to be bound for the faithful performance of all the covenants thereof.

A petition was received from F. Habkemeier for permission to transfer lease foot of Little Twelfth street, North river, to Drew & Bucki, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Board will and hereby does agree and consent to the transfer and assignment to George F. Drew and Louis Bucki of the lease when executed of the Pier at foot of Little Twelfth street, North river, purchased by Frederick Habkemeier at public sale held

April 22, 1875, provided that the accrued rent shall first be paid over to this Department, and the sureties to the lease consent and agree to continue to be bound for the faithful performance of all the covenants thereof.

A petition was received from New Jersey Southern Railroad Company for permission to erect a shed on the bulkhead on south side of Pier 8, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New Jersey Southern Railroad Company to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board or its successor, on the bulkhead south of and adjoining Pier 8, North river, a shed 16 feet long by 20 feet wide, for the protection of property received and discharged thereat, provided that the said company shall construct the same subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in conformity with plans to be approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and shall do the work under his supervision.

A petition was received from the New Jersey Southern Railroad Company for permission to drive piles and erect a platform thereon on south side of Pier 8, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New Jersey Southern Railroad Company to drive piles at the bulkhead at the southerly side of Pier 8, North river, and erect thereon a platform, extending along the inner end of said southerly side a distance of 50 feet, and along the adjacent bulkhead 24 feet, the outer line of the platform running diagonally between the said distances measured to facilitate the receiving and discharging of freight, provided that the said company shall first, and within five days after receipt of this notice, file in this office a written agreement to pay to this Department as rent for the use of the land under water to be covered by the said platform, the sum of $100 per annum, payable quarterly in advance from and after August 1, 1876, and to remove the said platform and piles when so directed to do by this Department or its successor, free of all claims, of any kind whatsoever, against the City consequent upon such removal, and provided further that the work of erecting said platform shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A petition was received from the New York City Ice Company to erect platform for landing ice on Pier foot of Fortieth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York City Ice Company to place and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board or its successor, upon the surface of the southerly side of the Pier at foot of Fortieth street, North river, a platform 100 feet long by 9 feet wide to facilitate the landing of ice ; provided that the said company shall first and within five days after receipt hereof file in this office the written consent of the lessees of said pier to the erection of said platform, which is to be built under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A petition was received from the Municipal Oxygen Gas Company for permission to fill in portion of the water-front on the North river between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Municipal Oxygen Gas Company, lessees and occupants of premises north of and adjoining foot of Forty-fifth street, North river, to fill in with good and proper filling the said premises along the northerly line of said street for a distance of 175 feet westerly or to the easterly line of Twelfth avenue, and the filling to extend northerly for about 100 feet so as to connect with the westerly line of the filling in bulkhead at that point ; provided the said company shall erect such retaining-wall or bulkhead of rip-rap stone as may be directed by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, all the work to be done under the supervision of that officer and further provided, that it be understood that this permission does not convey any further rights than may now be possessed by virtue of a certain grant for land under water made by the Mayor, etc., on June 14, 1850, to John J. V. Westervelt, and recorded in the Register's Office, Liber 549, folio 24.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the plans submitted by the Central Railroad of New Jersey of improvements contemplated to be made at Pier 48, North river, and being read,

On motion, the communication from said company under date May 11 was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey to drive piles in the slip adjacent to the north side of Pier 48, North river, and erect thereon a platform and ferry-houses, together with such other structures, racks, bridges, etc., as may be necessary for use of a first-class ferry, and now in the course of erection ; provided that all the said improvements shall be constructed in conformity with the plans as approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and the work of completion shall be done under his supervision, and that the said buildings shall be subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by law.

A petition was received from E. P. Griffin for permission to make landings at the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, by the Nyack Line of Steamboats, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to E. P. Griffin and others to use, during this season, the Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, as a steamboat landing for passengers ; provided that they shall first, and within ten days after receipt hereof, pay to this Department the sum of $50 as rent therefor.

A petition was received from John Falconer for permission to make landings at end of Pier 55, East river, by steamer "General Sedgwick," and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Sea Cliff Steamboat Company to make two or more landings per day at the outer end of Pier 55, East river, during the summer season, commencing on or about the 26th instant, provided that the said

ompany shall first, and within three days after receipt hereot, file in this office a written greement to pay rent therefor in the sum of $25 per month, payable monthly in advance.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table:

From New York Floating Dry Dock Company—Enclosing copy of Act of Legislature in :ference to occupation of slips by dry docks.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs needed to Pier at Thirty-eighth street, North ver, and Pier 40, East river.

From Superintendent McConkey—As to office on east side of Pier 18, East river, claimed / E. E. Morgan's Sons.

From Abner Bartlett, for estate of W. B. Astor—To extend bulkhead between Piers at welfth and Thirteenth streets, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to placing of buoys at new dumping-ground.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending a reduction of the force employed in dredging.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks on June 10, 376.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts, etc., for weeks ending June 13 and), 1876.

From John Parsons—In reference to dredging ordered to be done at Pier 8, East river.

From Commissioner of Public Works—Enclosing remonstrance against locating public ıth at Pier at West Eleventh street, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to extensions being made to Pier foot of Twenty-second reet and to platform between Piers 25 and 27, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during weeks ending June 10 and 17.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending appointment of Walter Noble as Fireman on ıg "Manhattan."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby empowered and authorized to effect ısurance against fire on shed on new Pier 43, North river, to the extent of $35,000, and on hed on new Pier 46, North river, to the extent of $28,000, by renewal of the policies expiring 5th instant, or otherwise.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th instant, whereby a berth ın the north side of the Pier at the foot of Eleventh street, North river, was set apart for the ırpose of mooring thereat a free floating bath, be and the same is hereby amended so as to ıpply in place of said berth to a berth on the north side of the Pier at foot of Bethune street, Vorth river, which is hereby set apart until the 21st of October, 1876, for the use of said bath.

The Secretary reporting that, as directed by the Commissioners, he had conferred with Mr. John D. Tracy, lessee of the Pier foot of Bethune street, North river, as to the amount to be charged the Department for the berth on the north side of the pier for the placing thereat of the floating bath, and that said lessee had agreed to the sum of $700 for the season,

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to allow a deduction of $700 to be made from the rent accruing under lease for the Pier at foot of Bethune street, North river, held by David Tracy, and expiring May 1, 1878, the said allowance to be made in consequence of the Department having set apart a berth on the north side of said pier for the use of a free floating bath from June 21 to October 21, 1876.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board 7th instant, whereby the Treasurer was authorized to allow a deduction of $950 to be made from the rent accruing under lease for Pier at foot of West Eleventh street, North river, held by John D. Tracy, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled, the free floating bath not having been located thereat.

On motion, The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish to this Department, with as little delay as possible, maps or tracings of the water-front of the city, showing the locality and size of all the sewer openings, and that from and after the date of furnishing such tracings all alterations made in said openings be notified to this Department.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby empowered and directed to have noted on the maps of the Department all sewer openings on the water-front of the city.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing form of proposal and contract for the construction of pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the specifications and form of contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for the construction of pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47, North river, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed and advertisements inviting proposals for building said work inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to drive piles at the sides and end of the free floating bath located at the foot of Bethune street, North river, in the manner heretofore adopted, and that so much of resolution adopted 7th instant as referred to driving piles at Pier foot of West Eleventh street, North river, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 24, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of thirty-three bills, amounting in the whole) the sum of $4,997.46, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, ogether with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held June 28, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meetings held June 21 and 24 were read and approved.

A petition was received from Booth & Edgar, for the use, when finished, of the new ulkhead between King and Charlton streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That upon the completion of the King street section of the new bulkhead wall ow in course of construction, and by virtue of the power vested in this Board by subdivision , of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, the same be and it is hereby set apart and appro- riated to the sole use, during the pleasure of this Board, of the special kind of commerce as arried on by the sugar trade of this city, and that the said premises be leased to Booth & dgar upon such terms and conditions as may hereafter be agreed upon.

A petition was received from J. L. & D. H. Coles to drive piles and erect small platform front of the bulkhead south of Pier 50, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to J. L. & D. H. Coles, ssees, to drive piles at the bulkhead on the westerly side of Pier 50, East river, and erect ereon a platform extending along the inner end of said westerly side a distance of about feet and along the adjacent bulkhead about 92 feet, the outer lines to be at right angles, facilitate the mooring of vessels at said bulkhead; provided that the said lessees shall st, and within ten days after receipt hereof, file in this office the written consents of the owner d lessees, if any, of the said pier and bulkhead to the platform being erected, and agree in iting to pay to this Department as rent for the land under water to be covered by said plat- rm the sum of $100 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, from and after August 1, 76, to provide for the extending of all sewer openings out beyond or to the outside line of e proposed platform by constructing box sewers, or in such other manner as may be directed the Department of Public Works, and to remove all of said improvements when so directed do by this Department or its successors, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever against e City consequent upon such removal; and provided further, that the work of erecting said latform shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A petition was received from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to drive piles, etc., at the north side of the Pier foot of Thirty-third street, North river, owned by it, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to drive piles and erect thereon a platform extending along the inner end of the northerly side of the Pier foot of Thirty-third street, North river, a distance of 140 feet, and covering the space between the said north side and the southerly side of the platform erected under resolution adopted October 13, 1875, now communicating with the grain elevator located south of foot of Thirty-fourth street, with privilege of mooring at the westerly side of said platform a landing bridge about 100 feet 6 inches by 35 feet, provided that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that the said company shall file in this office within five days after receipt hereof a written agreement to remove the platform and bridge when so directed to do by this Department or its successor, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever consequent upon such removal.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Company, in reference to the draft of the lease submitted for new Pier 42, North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee, and Mr. De Babien, agent of said company, invited to attend a meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Friday, 7th proximo, at o'clock P. M.

A petition was received from C. Stokem, for permission to drive piles and erect thereon a shed between Barclay and Vesey streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Cornelius Stokem, lessee, to drive piles in the slip adjacent to the southerly side of the ferry premises at foot of Barclay street, North river, and erect thereon a platform extending about 100 feet west of the existing bulkhead and over the entire slip north of the small Pier 24, North river, with privilege to erect and maintain on said platform a shed 100 feet long by 60 feet wide and 22 feet high, to be used for commercial and business purposes, provided that the said shed shall be constructed subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by law, and that the said Stokem shall first, and within ten days after receipt of this notice, file in this office the written consent of the owner or owners of said pier and bulkhead to said platform being erected, and agree in writing to remove the building or shed now erected near said premises, to construct the new shed so that the easterly line thereof shall be at least 25 feet west of the west line of West street, to provide for the extending of all sewer openings out beyond or to the westerly line of said platform or southerly line of said Pier 24, by constructing box sewers or in such otner manner as may be directed by the Department of Public Works, and to remove the said platform and shed when so directed to do by this Department or its successors, free of all claims of any kind whatsoever against the City, consequent upon such removal; and provided further, that the work of erecting said platform and shed shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department; and further provided, it be understood that the granting of this permission does not compromise or prejudice whatever right or title the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York may

ow have or be possessed of, in or to the land under water to be covered by the said platorm.

A petition was received from James McDonald for use of portion of Pier foot of One Iundred and Fifty-second street, North river, in landing stone, etc., and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to James McDonald, conactor for building bridge over railroad at One Hundred and Fifty-second street, to use the ıner end of the southerly side of the Pier at foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North ver, for the purpose of landing stone and other material thereat, with the privilege of erecting ıereon a derrick, provided that the said contractor shall pay to this Department as rent ıerefor till the 1st September, 1876, the sum of $50, payable in advance, and agree in writing ı vacate the premises on that date and to be liable for all or any damage done to the pier onsequent upon his occupancy thereof.

A communication was received from the Mutual Benefit Ice Company in reference to the nsafe condition of Pier at Forty-sixth street, North river, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make at once, without delay, such repairs to the Pier at the foot of Forty-sixth street, North river, as may be equired to place the same in good and safe condition, report having been made to this Board ıat a large portion of the planking is so worn and decayed that truck wheels break through almost daily and that it is absolutely dangerous for loaded teams in its present state, and ıat his attention be called to the terms of his lease which makes him liable for all damages onsequent upon pier not being in good repair.

A petition was received from the Sea Cliff Steamboat Company to make landings at the ier foot of Thirty-third street, at its outer end, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Sea Cliff Steamboat ompany to make two or more landings per day at the outer end of Pier at the foot of hirty-third street, East river, during the summer season, commencing on or about 1st oximo; provided that the said company shall first, and within three days after receipt reof, file in this office a written agreement to pay rent therefor in the sum of $30 per month, yable monthly in advance.

A communication was received from And. H. Green, Comptroller, requesting to be vised what claim, if any, certain nine persons named therein had against the City, etc., and ing read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the claims referred to appear be the identical claims in reference to which the Comptroller requested information under ıte 19th May last, and that he be respectfully referred to the communication from this office ıted 25th May last, in reference to said claims.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Sea Cliff Steamboat Company—Agreeing to terms of resolution adopted 21st of ıne as to landing at end of Pier 55, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief - As to work performed during week ending June 24.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts, etc., for week ending June 27.

A communication was received from A. H. Green, Comptroller, requesting to be advised as to whether this Department occupies, at the present time, for public use any portion of the premises known as the East Seventeenth street yard, etc., and being read, and the President reporting that upon receipt of the communication a reply had been transmitted to the effect that the said yard is occupied by the Department for the storage of granite and other material necessary for carrying on the work of improving the water-front of the city, and that the use of said yard is required for the uses and purposes of the Department,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

On motion, the petition of Abner Bartlett, to extend the bulkhead between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, North river, was taken from the table and placed on file.

The President presented a telegram received by him from Thos. J. Madge, lessee of east side of Pier 18, East river, as follows: "Morgan is tearing down the office on my side of the pier; I cannot stop him," and that he had directed a communication to be sent to E. E. Morgan's Sons, notifying them to at once stop the work of removing the office or building erected on Pier 18, East river, under resolution adopted by the Board on December 26, 1872, and to replace the premises in the condition existing before the work of removal began; that any neglect or delay to comply with these directions would force this Department to cause their immediate arrest, and requested that his action in the premises be approved.

On motion, the telegram from Thomas J. Madge was placed on file, and the action of the President in relation to the subject matter thereof approved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That to mark the Centennial year of the Republic, and in compliance with the general wish that business should be suspended so far as practicable on the ensuing 3d of July, this office will be closed on Saturday at 3 P. M., and work in the Department suspended until July 5th proximo.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of resolution adopted by this Board on May 10, 1876, as granted permission to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to erect a platform between Piers 5 and 6, East river, and also to erect and maintain thereon a shed and other structures, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled, and that permission be and the same is hereby granted to the said company to continue the widening of said Pier 5 along the inner end on the easterly side up to the bulkhead, and further that the amount of rent stipulated for in the said resolution be and the same is hereby reduced to the sum of $720 per annum, consequent upon said platform not being erected.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 12, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held June 28 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that slight damage had been done to new Pier 42, North river, by the steamer "Thos. Powell" coming in collision therewith, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause the damage done on the morning of the 6th instant by steamer "Thomas Powell" to new Pier 42, North river, to be repaired without delay, and that upon completion of the work a detailed statement of the expense incurred be furnished to the Bookkeeper, and the Secretary be and he is hereby to transmit to the owner or agent of said steamer a claim for the cost of said repairs for payment.

A communication was received from A. Douglass, stating that a nuisance existed on Pier 21, East river, in shape of a small shed or stand used for selling fruit, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Superintendent McConkey directed to examine and report as to the facts of the case.

A communication was received from the assignee of E. E. Morgan's Sons, bankrupts, stating that a final meeting of the creditors would be held on the 14th instant, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to take such measures as may appear to him to be necessary to protect the interests of the City for its claim for rent of premises east side of Pier 18, East river, heretofore occupied by said bankrupts.

A communication was received from E. P. Griffen, asking for an extension of time in which to accept terms fixed in resolution adopted June 21 last for landings to be made at Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, and being read, and the President reporting that he had granted an extension of time till the 18th instant,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from General Transatlantic Company, requesting to be informed officially as to the proper number of the new Pier 42, North river, leased to it, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that the said company had been duly advised as requested,

On motion, the action had in the matter was approved, and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, in reference to a claim of Thomas McCarthy for the sum of $156.75 for overtime while in the employ of the Department as Scowman, from November 29, 1874, till September 25, 1875, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President, the Comptroller had been

advised that the claim referred to appeared to be similar in character to the claim of which he was advised in communication from this Department under date May 25 last,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A petition was received from Frank H. Smith to place on Pier foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river, a hoisting engine to be used for the landing of ice, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report as to the expediency of granting the petition.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to use of bulkhead between old Piers 46 and 47, North river, for the landing of sugar.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—To build Pier foot of Fifty-ninth street, North river, use of land under water, etc.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts, etc., for weeks ending July 4 and 11.

From Department of Public Works—In reference to furnishing maps showing sewer openings, etc.

From Sea Cliff Steamboat Company—Accepting terms of resolution permitting landings to be made at Pier at Thirty-third street, East river.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—Accepting terms of resolution adopted June 28, as to platform at Thirty-third street, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during weeks ending July 1 and 8.

From W. D. Morgan—In reference to the use of small office on east side of Pier 18, East river, claimed by him.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, advising that an action had been commenced against the City by G. Callmeyer and C. F. A. Dambmann for $12,206 damages arising under contract with this Department for furnishing screw bolts, etc., and requesting to be informed as to whether said plaintiffs have any claim, and what is the defense to the action, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state in reply to said communication that in the opinion of this Board the only claim which can be sustained under the contract is the value of such iron material as may not have been called for by the Department to complete the estimated quantities specified in the contract, and also that since the date of said communication the Counsel to the Corporation has obtained from this office such information and documents as he deemed necessary for a proper defense to the action.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted June 1st, ultimo, the following insurance against fire had been effected on sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, the policies expiring June 25, 1877, viz.:

On shed on new Pier 43, North river—

Guaranty Fire Insurance Company	$5,000 00
Newark Mutual Fire Insurance Company	4,000 00
American Fire Insurance Company	4,000 00
Boston Underwriters	10,000 00
Broadway Insurance Company	3,000 00
Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey	4,000 00
Hanover Insurance Company	5,000 00
Total	$35,000 00
	At 2 per cent.

On shed on new Pier 46, North river—

Guaranty Fire Insurance Company	$5,000 00
American Fire Insurance Company	5,000 00
Boston Underwriters	10,000 00
Broadway Insurance Company	3,000 00
Hanover Fire Insurance Company	5,000 00
Total	$28,000 00
	At 1¾ per cent.

On motion, the action of the Secretary was approved.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the President Mr. W. D. Morgan, lessee from private owners of the west half of Pier 18, East river, had been notified that he had no right to tear down the office on the easterly side of the pier, the premises being under lease to Thomas J. Madge, and that from the time of the erection of the office it became part of the permanent structure attached to the shed erected by Morgan's Sons, under resolution of the Board adopted December 26, 1872, and that the Commissioners of this Board decline to give consent to the removal of the office and requesting him to restore it to its original condition.

On motion, the action of the President in relation to the foregoing was approved.

The President reporting that June 29th, ultimo, he had directed a communication to be sent to Mr. R. Cornell White, lessee of Pier 37, East river, notifying him that unless the rent accrued and due on May 1, last, amounting to the sum of $3,000, for the use of said premises for the year ending that date, be paid to this Department on or before July 10th, proximo, the Commissioners will be compelled to take immediate steps for the collection of said rent, and to recover possession of said premises for the purpose of leasing same by public sale as required by law.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 19, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meeting held July 12 were read and approved.

A report was received from Superintendent McConkey, stating that he had notified the owner of the small shed or stand on Pier 21, East river, to remove the same, which he had complied with, etc., and being read,

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the petition of A. Douglass, in reference to the said small shed on Pier 21, East river, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, giving his opinion to the effect that the owner or owners of the floating dock now lying in the slip between Piers 48 and 49, East river, have no right to keep and maintain it there without the consent of the lessee of Pier 48, and that said lessee of Pier 48 must pay his rent to this Department as provided in his lease, and that his remedy is either to compel the owners of the dock to remove it by proceedings in the courts or otherwise, or to recover damages from its owners, etc., and being read,

On motion, the communication from Thomas C. Burke, lessee of said Pier 48, North river, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the petition of Thomas C. Burke, lessee, for the Department to compel the removal of a floating dry dock from the slip adjacent to the easterly side of Pier 48, East river, be and the same is hereby denied, the Counsel to the Corporation having advised this Board "that the City has sold to the lessee the right to collect wharfage at said pier, but it has not undertaken to keep the slip clear from unlawful obstructions for whose presence it is not responsible, and which have no right to occupy the slip of Pier 48 without the consent of the lessee of the pier, and that the remedy of the lessee is either to compel the removal of the said dock by proceedings in court or otherwise, or to recover damages from the owners thereof."

Commissioner Westervelt reported that as requested by the Board he had examined the Pier at the foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river, in reference to the petition of Frank H. Smith for permission to erect thereon a hoisting engine to be used for the landing of ice, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Francis H. Smith to erect and maintain a Pier at the foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river, a steam hoisting engine to be used in receiving ice, with the privilege of covering same with such shed as may be necessary for its protection, the lessees of said pier having consented to the erection of said engine, provided that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that the said Smith shall agree in writing to remove the said engine, etc., when so directed to do by this Board or its successor, and to repair any damage sustained by the pier consequent upon said engine being placed thereon.

On motion, the petition of Francis H. Smith to have hoisting engine erected on Pier at Thirty-fifth street, North river, was taken from the table and placed on file, and the foregoing resolution adopted.

A communication was received from the Police Department, stating the existing in Pier 7, East river, of a hole dangerous to travel, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That R. Cornell White, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make the necesary repairs to Pier 37, East river, without delay, the Police Department having reported that here exists a dangerous hole therein.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing form of proposal nd contract for furnishing the Department with 5,000 barrels Portland cement, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the form of the proposal and contract as proposed by the Engineer-in-Chief for furnishing this Department with 5,000 barrels Portland cement, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed and advertisements inviting proposals for furnishing said material inserted in the papers designated by law.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, requested by resolution adopted May 6 last, in reference to prices asked for furnishing the Department with broken stone, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, ordered on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief--As to work performed during week ending July 15.

From Finance Department—As to balance to the credit of the Department of Docks on July 8.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending July 18.

The following communications were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, action on the matter to which they severally relate not being deemed necessary.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to having buoys placed at the new dumping-ground.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to plans for improvements north side of Pier 48, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to a further reduction in the force employed.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to placing additional timbers on new Pier 42, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to the open space on water-front between Morton and Barrow streets.

From Hermann Gelpecke—In reference to his lease of upper half of Pier 18, East river.

From F. Spies & Co.—In reference to deliveries of cement under their contract.

From F. Spies & Co.—Offering to sell at a reduction the cement rejected by Engineer-in-Chief.

From Wm. H. Brown, lessee—For a reduction of rent of Piers 57 and 59, East river.

From Henry Anderson—For pay for overtime whilst in employ of Department.

From Patrick Meehan—To be reinstated as Watchman.

From Henry L. Morris—As to plan for improvements on east side of Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

From Superintendent McConkey—As to platforms to be laid for the use of hoisting horses.

From Health Department—As to extension of Pier foot of One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river.

From H. W. Fisher and others—To have small office removed from Pier 12, East river.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—As to repairs to piers on Ward's and Blackwell's Islands.

From Edgar Williams and others—As to additional wharves, etc., on Harlem river.

From Superintendent Fitzpatrick—As to raft located at the foot of Thirty-sixth street, North river.

From Thos. and Ed. Coady—As to use of new boat landing at Pier 1, North river.

From A. Wiswall—For berth at south side of Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, for hospital barge.

From Wm. Menzies—As to brick encumbering the Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, North river.

From Superintendent McConkey—As to office on east side of Pier 18, East river.

From New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company—As to extension of bulkhead between Piers 4 and 5, East river.

From Health Department—As to the fish-stand on lower side of Pier 23, East river.

From Peter Sanford & Co.—Offering to furnish Department with yellow pine piles.

From J. T. Cumers—To place advertising sign on Pier 21, East river.

From C. B. Reilay—As to small stand on Pier 35, North river.

From City of Hoboken—For taxes ($96.10) on dock piles stored.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for opening proposals for building wooden platform in the rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46 (old numbers), North River), held July 25, 1876.

Present—Commissioner Wales and the Comptroller.

Absent—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

A quorum not being present,

On motion of the Comptroller, the opening of the proposals was postponed until Friday, 8th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for opening proposals for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North River), held July 28, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt and the Comptroller.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The President stating that there being no quorum at the meeting advertised for 25th instant for opening proposals for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46, North river, the opening of said proposals was postponed till this date,

On motion, the opening of said proposals was proceeded with.

Proposals were received from the following named parties, viz.: John A. Bouker, $11,086.86; James D. Leary, $11,160, and McIntire Bros., $13,916, and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table.

The following proposals were received for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river:

1st. Joseph Walsh, $13,700.

2d. McIntire Bros., $10,189.

3d. H. V. & R. B. Sloat, $9,375.

4th. John A. Bouker, $7,140.88, and

5th. James D. Leary, $7,990, and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held July 28, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The proposals received for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46, North river, and those received for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47, North river (old numbers, were),

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the contracts for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46 (old numbers), North river, and for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47, North river (old numbers), be and the same are hereby awarded to John A. Bouker, of No. 60 South street, his bids for building said works being the lowest under proposals publicly opened on July 28, 1876, provided that the Comptroller shall advise that the said Bouker is not in default or arrears to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contracts for the above awards, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, fifty-seven in number, amounting in the whole to the sum of $12,401.64, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction, requesting that dredging be done in front of the bulkhead between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, East river, it being in a foul condition, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to cause the slip at the foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, to be dredged without delay to such an extent as may be necessary in order to obtain a depth of 6 feet at low water.

A communication was received from J. B. White & Bro., London, enclosing memorandum in reference to the testing of Portland cement, etc., and being read,

On motion it was

Resolved, That the list of questions and answers relating to the testing of English Portland cement received in communication from J. B. White & Bro., dated London, July 5, 1876, be and the same is hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for his information, examination and report thereon.

A petition was received from George Caulfield, to have dredging done in the slip between Piers at the foot of Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition of George Caulfield to have dredging done in the slip between the Piers at foot of Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, North river, be and the same is hereby denied, the Department having no authority to dredge in front of private premises.

A communication was received from the Police Department, requesting that repairs be made to the dumping-boards at Market and Stanton streets, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the application of the Committee on Street Cleaning of the Police Department for the necessary repairs to be made by this Department to the dumping-boards at the foot of Market and Stanton streets, East river, be and the same is hereby denied, the Counsel to the Corporation having advised that any special structures or contrivances that may be desired by the Board of Police to facilitate the work to be done by it in the matter of street cleaning are to be provided by that Board under the authority conferred by section 6, of chapter 677, Laws of 1872, and that when this Department has set apart for the use of the Board of Police in carrying on the business of street cleaning such piers, constructed in the ordinary manner (with the adjoining slips), as may be required for such business, this Department has performed the whole duty imposed upon it by the laws of the State.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is nereby directed, as soon as the roadway to give temporary access to Pier 46, North river (old number), is completed, to remove as much of said pier and the shed thereon as may be necessary to permit the constructing of the bulkhead wall thereat, and to place such portion of the said old material as may not be required by the Department upon the bulkhead between Piers 45 and 46, North river (old numbers), ready for sale at auction, the work to be done by the force of the Department.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to build, with the force of the Department, the section of the bulkhead wall to extend from the northerly end of the King street section, now constructed, to the southerly end of the pile foundation now erected between Piers 46 and 47, North river (old numbers), upon the plan submitted to him by this Board on April 5, 1876, and to proceed with the work at the earliest date.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, requesting to be informed as to the action had by this Department in leasing to the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey certain wharf property at Pier 48, North river, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President a copy of the resolution adopted by this Board on the 26th of April, 1876, whereby the northerly side of Pier 48, North river, was leased to said company, had been forwarded to the Comptroller,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From F. H. Smith—Accepting terms of resolution of July 19 permitting hoisting engine to be placed on Pier foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending July 22.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending July 25.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to improvements to be made by Central Railroad of New Jersey at Pier 48, North river, plans, etc.

The communications of John A. Bouker and Charles A. Harrington, under date of May 4 and 5 respectively, were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file.

The President here stated that, in accordance with the request of the Engineer-in-Chief that a Leveler should be appointed at once, in order that the work in the Engineer's Department might be properly proceeded with, he had appointed, subject to the approval of the Board, Charles H. Raymond as Leveler in the Engineer's Corps, at a salary of $75 per month, and asked that his action in said appointment be approved by the Board.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and confirmed.

On motion, the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, dated April 5, 1876, referred to in resolution on folio 103, in reference to new plan for building bulkhead wall in the North river, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was received from Thomas J. Madge, stating that he was the purchaser of the lease of the east side of Pier 18, East river, at the sale held April 21 last, but that he had been unable to obtain possession of east half of the outer end of the Pier, the same being claimed by Mr. S. A. Frost on behalf of the owners as private property, and being deprived of the use of the said one-half of the outer end of the pier, requesting that an allowance from the rent due under his lease be made, etc., and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to allow a deduction of $300 per annum from May 1, 1876, to be made from the rent accruing under the lease for the easterly half of Pier 18, East river, purchased at public sale held April 21, 1876, for the term of three years from said May 1 last by Thomas J. Madge, consequent upon the City being unable to give the said lessee possession of outer end of the said easterly half, the deed dated March 15, 1809, and recorded in Liber 82 of Conveyances, page 341, conveying the said property to the City having reserved the whole of the outer end of the said pier, with the right of wharfage, etc., to the use of the then private owners and their representatives.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 2, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held July 19, 25 and 28 were read and approved.

A petition was received from Frederick Brorge, lessee, for a reduction in the rent of the Pier foot of Fifty-first street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition of Frederick Brorge, lessee of the Pier foot of Fifty-first street, North river, the lease of which was purchased by him March 31, 1875, for three years from May 1, 1875, at the annual rent of $1,300, for a reduction of the rent of said pier, be and the same is hereby denied.

A petition was received from Wm. D. Morgan, for permission to remove the office now on ıe east side of Pier 18, East river, to the west side of said pier, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to W. D. Morgan to remove ıe office now on the easterly side of Pier 18, East river, to the westerly side of said pier; rovided he shall first obtain and file in this Department the consent in writing of Thomas J. fadge, lessee of the easterly half of said Pier 18, to the removal of said office.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, in reference to a laim filed in the Finance Department by James Hughes, lately employed as Engineer of the en-ton derrick, etc., and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully advised, in reply to his ommunication dated 1st instant, requesting to be informed what are the defenses to a claim f James Hughes for $50.50 for work, labor and services as Engineer of the ten-ton derrick elonging to this Department, and if the said Hughes is entitled to be paid any amount from he City Treasury, that this Board have no knowledge of any such claim having been presented ɔ this Department, and that all compensation due and earned by said Hughes while employed y the Department has been properly certified to by the Commissioners of Docks from time ɔ time, upon the regular pay-rolls of the Department transmitted to the Finance)epartment for payment.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Finance Department—Stating that John A. Bouker, contractor, is not in default to ıe Corporation.

From John A. Bouker—Explaining his bids offered for building wooden platform and ile foundation between Piers 45 and 47, North river.

From John A. Bouker—Accepting awards of contracts for building wooden platform and ile foundation.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending July 31.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts, etc., during week ending August 1.

A petition was received from Thomas Gaynor, to have dredging done at inner end of ıe upper side of Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, occupied by him during the leasure of this Board, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for furnishing 5,000 barrels fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement), held August 4, 1876.

Present--Commissioners Wales and Westervelt and the Comptroller.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Proposals were received from the following named parties :

No. 1. William Dale.....at $3.40 per barrel.
No. 2. S. L. Merchant.....at 3.37 "
No. 3. James Brand.....at 3.65 "
No. 4. John Mullins.....at 3.34½ "

—and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 4, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing 5,000 barrels fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement be and the same is hereby awarded to John Mullins, of No. 14 Fourth Place, Brooklyn, his bid for furnishing said cement being the lowest under proposals publicly opened on August 4, 1876 ; provided that the Comptroller shall advise that said Mullins is not in default or arrears to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 9, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held August 2 and 4 were read and approved.

A communication was received from Joseph V. Brown, lessee of Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, to occupy and use the shed, etc., on said pier, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Joseph V. Brown, lessee, to take immediate possession of and to occupy during the pleasure of the Board the shed and

om now erected on the Pier at the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, to be used only r office purposes.

A petition was received from S. V. Tripp, for permission to make an extension to his grain evator situate on the south side of Thirty-fourth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to S. V. Tripp to drive iles along the westerly front of grain elevator located at the south side of foot of Thirty-urth street, North river, and erect thereon a platform about 54 feet by 7 feet 8 inches, with e privilege of covering the same with a shed about 17 feet high, for the protection of an ngine to be placed thereon; provided that the said shed shall be constructed subject to the egulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, and all the work to be done under the super-ision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department; and provided further, that the said Tripp hall first obtain and file in this office the written consent of the lessee of the pier at foot of aid street to said improvements, and will agree in writing to remove the said piles when so irected to do by this Board or its successor.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From New York Produce Exchange—In reference to Committee appointed to confer ith Department of Docks on wharf improvements.

From Charles H. Walen and William T. Ashman—To place filling inside bulkhead-all, etc.

A petition was received from the People's Ferry Company, for permission to erect shed, tc., at the ferry premises at the foot of Grand street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the People's Ferry Com-any to erect a ferry building, etc., on the ferry premises at the foot of Grand street, East ver, to form part of the improvements already erected by virtue of chapter 73 of the Laws 1876.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, requesting that in cordance with the law passed at the last session of the Legislature in reference to providing rths for floating baths, the foot of Thirty-sixth street, East river, be assigned for such pur-se to the use of said Department, and being read, and the President reporting that upon quiry at the office of the Comptroller it appeared that the premises referred to for the width the street was the property of the Corporation, and that he had advised said Department at said floating bath could be moored thereat,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the following resolution lopted:

Resolved, That a berth at the bulkhead at foot of Thirty-sixth street, East river, be and e same is hereby set apart for the use of the Department of Public Works, for the purpose mooring thereat, during the summer season, a free floating bath for public use in accord-ce with the provisions of chapter 169 of Laws of 1876, and that said Department is hereby anted permission to erect at said berth such platforms, etc., as may be required to afford

proper ingress and egress for persons using the bath, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for the week ending August 8.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending August 5.

From Board of Aldermen—In reference to the lighting of piers and bulkheads.

A communication was received from the Collector of Revenue, City of Hoboken, presenting a bill for taxes assessed upon the dock piles belonging to the Department stores at Weehawken, amounting to the sum of $108.61, and stating that payment must be made therefor without delay or a levy would be made upon the property to satisfy the claim, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the said Collector had been advised that action in reference to said claim would be taken by the Board at its meeting held this day, and requesting him to delay further action until this Board should so act,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the said bill for taxes referred to the Auditing Committee.

A petition was received from E. W. Jacobs, in behalf of Wm. Cruikshank, agent of owners of bulkhead between Piers 9 and 10, North river, for permission to insert a drain pipe, to connect with the building No. 68 West street, in the said bulkhead, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the permission asked for had been granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department and the said pipe to remain only during the pleasure of the Board,

On motion, the petition was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company, agreeing to pay to this Department for the use of three dredging machine scows the sum of $5 per day for each scow, from the 8th to 12th instant, inclusive, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the scows referred to had been loaned to the said Company to facilitate it in the work of dredging the slip at Pier 49, North river, leased by said company, they to be responsible for all damages which said scows may cause while in their charge, etc., and being read, the communication was

On motion, placed on file and the action of the President approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to drive piles, if necessary and required by the Department of Public Works, at the sides and end of the free floating bath at bulkhead foot of Thirty-sixth street, East river, in order to protect said bath from damage, the work to be done in the manner heretofore adopted.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

The Board here went into executive session.

The annual report of the actions and operations of the Department for the year ending .pril 30, 1876, as prepared by the Secretary, being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the annual report of the Department for the year ending April 30, 1876, s prepared by the Secretary, be approved and signed by the Commissioners and transmitted) his Honor the Mayor, in pursuance of subdivision 9 of section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 871, and sections 88 and 119 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 16, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held August 9 were read and approved.

A communication was received from Superintendent Smith, stating that on the 9th ıstant the outer end of new Pier 47, North river, had been damaged by the steamer Switzerland," to the extent of about $75, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees, be and they are hereby otified to repair without further delay the damage done to the southerly side of the outer end new Pier 47, North river, by the steamship "Switzerland" on the 9th instant, that vessel eing liable to them for the cost and expense of making said repairs.

A petition was received from John H. Starin, in reference to obtaining a lease of pier ıd bulkhead property at the foot of Whitehall street, for purpose of running and maintain- g a ferry to Staten Island, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Starin in reply thereto, that the ıd premises are now subject to a lease made by the Department to the North Shore Staten land Ferry Company, for the term of ten years, and expiring May 1, 1884, and that the ommissioners having been informed by the Counsel to the Corporation that the said lease is ıvalid and that steps are now being taken before the courts for its cancellation, are unwill- g to take any further action in the matter until a legal decision in relation to the said lease ıall have been rendered.

A communication was received from John Mullins, accepting the award of contract for ırnishing 5,000 barrels of cement, and being read,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the Secretary directed to state to Ir. Mullins that this Board is informed that the sureties to his contract have not appeared efore the Comptroller for examination, and notifying him to cause the said sureties to present ıemselves at the Comptroller's office without further delay.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to cost, etc., of proposed platform on the south side of Pier 46 (old number), North river, for the landing of sugar, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to erect a temporary triangular platform, to remain only during the pleasure of this Board, along the southerly side of the temporary approach to Pier 46, North river, west of the bulkhead wall, to extend along said approach 40 feet, and along the wall 45 feet, and to have a water-front of 60 feet, and to be used and occupied by Booth & Edgar for the landing of sugar and other commercial purposes; provided that the said Booth & Edgar shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice file in this office a written agreement to pay to this Department the cost and expense of erecting the said platform, estimated at about $300, in the manner proposed by the said Engineer-in-Chief.

A communication was received from A. M. C. Smith and others, remonstrating against the filling up of the bulkhead between new Piers 46 and 47, North river, with goods, etc., and being read

On motion, laid on the table, the Commissioners to personally visit and examine said premises.

A communication was received from Mr. W. H. Gebhard to have the dock foot of One Hundred and Fourth street, East river, placed in repair, etc., and the President reporting that he had requested Mr. Gebhard to furnish this Department with information as to the ownership of this and adjoining property,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

The President reporting that since the last meeting of the Board Mr. Kuch, of the Department of Public Works, had called upon him and stated that the bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-sixth street, East river, which had been set apart to the use of said Department for the purpose of mooring thereat a free floating bath, was not suitable for said purpose and had requested that the north side of the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, be set apart for the use of said bath,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 9th instant, whereby a berth at the bulkhead at foot of Thirty-sixth street, East river, was set apart for the purpose of mooring thereat a free floating bath, be and the same is hereby amended so as to apply, in place of the said berth, to a berth on the north side of the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, which is hereby set apart for the use of said bath until the 16th October, 1876.

The Secretary reporting that by direction of the President he had conferred with David Tracy, lessee of the Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, who had agreed to receive the sum of $300 as rent for the berth of the free floating bath to be moored thereat,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and authorized to allow a deduction of $300 to be made from the rent accruing under lease for the Pier at foot of Thirty-seventh street, East river, held by David Tracy and expiring 1st of May, 1878, in conse-

uence of the Department having set apart a berth on the north side of said pier for the use f a free floating bath until the 16th of October, 1876.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 9th instant, whereby the ngineer-in-Chief was directed, when required by the Department of Public Works, to drive iles, etc., for the protection of the free floating bath to be moored at the foot of Thirty-sixth reet, East river, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

A communication was received from Robert P. Staats, offering his resignation as Surveyor ı Engineer's Department, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resignation of Robt. P. Staats, as Surveyor in this Department, to ıke effect from and after 25th instant, inclusive, be and the same is hereby accepted.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief recommending the appointıent of Moses S. Barrett as Surveyor, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Moses S. Barrett be and he is hereby appointed to the position of urveyor in the Department, vice Robt. P. Staats resigned, at a salary of $1,500 per annum,) take effect from and after 25th instant, inclusive.

A communication was received from Department of Public Works requesting that piles e driven to protect the free floating bath located at the north side of the Pier foot of Thirtyıventh street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That pursuant to the requirements of section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1876, ıe Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to drive piles at the sides and end of the ee floating bath moored at the north side of Pier at foot of Thirty-seventh street, East ver, in order to provide a safe berth for said bath, the work to be done in the manner herefore adopted.

The President here presented a form of affidavit which had been prepared by the plaintiff the suit against James McIntire, the Mayor, etc., having reference to the Pier contracted be built at the foot of Bank street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully quested to advise this Board if the affidavit presented for execution by the President in the atter of James S. Thayer against James McIntire, the Mayor, etc., relating to the erection a Pier at the foot of Bank street, North river, has his approval, and if the President or one the Commissioners shall execute the same.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file :

From Finance Department—Stating that John Mullins, contractor, is not in default to ıe Corporation.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending August 12.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending August 15.

From Finance Department—As to balance to credit of Department of Docks, August 12.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, the following resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That the Knickerbocker Ice Company, lessees, be and they are hereby notified to make without delay the necessary repairs to Pier at foot of Twentieth street, North river, the said pier having been reported to this Board as being in a dangerous condition and requiring resheathing.

Resolved, That Frederick Habkemeier, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make, without delay, the necessary repairs to the Pier foot of Fifteenth street, North river, the said pier being reported as in a bad condition and requiring to be resheathed.

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make, without further delay, all the necessary repairs required to put the Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, in a safe and good condition, it having again been reported as needing to be resheathed.

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make, without further delay, all the repairs required to put the Pier at foot of Forty-sixth street, North river, in a safe condition, it being reported as in a very dangerous condition at present.

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the southerly half of Pier 62, foot of Stanton street, East river, be and he is, or they are, hereby notified to make, without delay, the necessary repairs to put the said premises in good and safe condition, the said pier having been reported in a very bad condition.

Resolved, That H. A. Tiederman, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make, without delay, the necessary repairs to the Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, it being reported as in a very dangerous condition.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine the condition of Pier 62, foot of Stanton street, East river, and report cost of making necessary repairs to place the northerly half in good and safe condition, Superintendent Butler having reported the pier as being in a very bad condition.

The Board here went into executive session.

The petition of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, for permission to construct a Pier at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, North river, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to erect, at its own cost and expense, a Pier at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, North river, provided that the said company shall first and within ten days after receipt hereof file in this office a written agreement to construct the said pier within the new plan as adopted by this Board and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and upon lines to be established by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to do the

/ork under the supervision of that officer, and not to take possession of said pier for use until ermission therefor shall be given by this Board ; and be it further

Resolved, That this Board will, upon the completion of the said pier within the lines of he plans adopted for the improvement of the water-front, and in consideration of the said ier being constructed free of cost and expense to the City, appropriate the same to the sole se of the special kind of commerce as carried on by the said company, and will lease to the aid company, for a term of ten years, from a date to be hereafter agreed upon, the land under /ater to be covered by the said pier ; provided that the said company shall first and within en days after receipt hereof file in this office a written agreement to pay as rent therefor the um of $1,000 per annum, payable quarterly, and to surrender to the City, at the termina- on of the said lease by expiration or otherwise, the said pier free of all or any claim for con- truction or otherwise, and that the said company will execute the necessary lease for the aid premises, containing in addition to the above the usual covenants and agreements when ie same shall be prepared and ready for signature ; and also containing a covenant for a enewal term of five years, at a rent of $500 per annum additional to the annual rent fixed for ie lease of ten years.

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed and authorized to stablish the lines for the pier to be built by the New York Central and Hudson River Rail- oad Company at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, North river, under permission granted by iis Board this date, so that the said pier shall be 60 feet only in width, and the northerly nd southerly lines thereof shall be identical with the same lines of the said street when xtended.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, pursuant to the authority vested i them by subdivision 11 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, be and they are hereby espectfully requested to direct the Comptroller of the City of New York to prepare and issue ock bonds of the City of New York for the amount of three hundred thousand dollars $300,000), for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 18, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the salary of the Engineer-in-Chief be fixed at $6,000 per annum, to take fect 1st of August next.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 23, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

In the absence of the President, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held August 16, were read and approved.

A communication was received from William H. Gebhard in reference to repairs needed to the bulkhead at foot of One Hundred and Fourth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine the said structure, and report the repairs required to place it in a good and serviceable condition, and the cost of making the same.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works requesting that berths for two free floating baths be assigned to its use, one berth at Pier foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river, and one at Pier 46, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt, to confer with said Department of Public Works and the lessees of the wharf property referred to, and report to the Board what berths for said floating baths can be secured, and the rental to be charged therefor by the lessees of the pier.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to certain repairs necessary to be made to Pier 44, East river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees, be and they are hereby notified to make without delay all the repairs required to place Pier 44, East river, in a good and safe condition, the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department having reported that the block under the inner end has fallen away and left the caps unsupported for such great distances that some of them are broken, so that a heavy load is liable to go through at any time, and that the deck is worn dangerously thin in many places, and requires sheathing for a space of 24 by 325 feet, and that about thirty half round oak fenders and two corner bands on the southwest corner are required.

A petition was received from David Tracy, lessee of Pier foot of Third street, East river, to have permit for the erection on said pier of a platform and scales for the landing and weighing of ice withdrawn, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition of David Tracy, lessee, to have the permit to erect and maintain a platform and scales on the Pier foot of Third street, East river, canceled and annulled, be and the same is hereby denied, the records of the Department not showing that such a permit has been issued.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file :

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending August 19.

From Andrew H. Green, Comptroller—With his approval of sureties to contract awarded to J. A. Bouker.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending August 22.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of the "City Record" be and it is hereby respectfully requested to cause to be printed for the uses and purposes of the Department, 250 additional copies of the annual report of the Department of Docks for the year ending April 30, 1876, now in type, as Document No. 6, pursuant to resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted at stated session held 17th instant.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of Messrs. Williams & Guion to the facts relating to the agreement for the continued occupancy by them of Pier 46 (old number), North river, until required for the erection of the new pier instead thereof, and to advise them that the check received from them on the 21st instant for the sum of $2,325, will be received by the Department only on account of the rent of $3,750, due 1st instant, under resolution adopted May 3 last, and to request them to remit, without delay, for balance due of $1,425.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 24, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

In the absence of the President, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of thirty-three bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $14,541.94, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held August 30, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

In the absence of the President, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

The minutes of the meetings held August 18, 23 and 24 were read and approved.

A petition was received from George Foster for permission to insert a six-inch drain-pipe in bulkhead between Piers 42 and 43, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to George Foster to insert a six-inch drain-pipe in the bulkhead between Piers 42 and 43, East river, to connect with building No. 256 South street, provided that the work shall be done under the direction and

supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, the said pipe to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from Thomas J. Madge, stating that E. E. Morgan's Sons had neglected and refused to place the office on the east side of Pier 18, East river, leased by him, in the condition it was before they commenced to tear it away, and as directed by the Board, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Secretary, with directions to call upon Messrs. Morgan, and learn for what reasons they had neglected to carry out the instructions issued by this Board in reference to the said office, etc., and report to the Board.

A communication was received from J. McDonald & Co., in reference to the bad condition of the Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine the condition of Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and report the cost of making necessary repairs to place the same in a good and safe condition.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the surface of Pier 62, East river, for a space of twelve feet by ninety, needed to be resheathed, fenders replaced, etc., at a cost of $149.03, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the repairs to the northerly half of Pier 62, East river, necessary to put that part of the pier in good and safe condition, the work to be done in conformity with his communication in relation thereto, dated 25th instant.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending an increase in the wages paid to Captain and Engineer of the ten-ton derrick, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the following rates of pay or wages are adopted and established, to take effect from and after the 19th instant, not inclusive, in compliance with his recommendation of 28th instant, to wit:

To Wm. Rose, Engineer on the ten-ton derrick.....$21 00 per week.
To Richard Munster, Rigger on the ten-ton derrick..... 18 00 "

A petition was received from T. Eldredge, for permission to place a platform scale on Pier 53, foot of Jackson street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to T. Eldredge to place and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a pair of platform scales, 10 by 16 feet, on Pier 53, East river; provided, that the owner of westerly half of said pier shall first file his written consent thereto in this office.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the lighting of certain iers, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the following six piers be and they are hereby designated to the lepartment of Public Works as being prominent passenger landings, and as requiring to be roperly lighted, to avoid loss of life therefrom at night, to wit:

On North river—New Pier 47 and Piers at foot of West Twenty-second and Twenty-ourth streets.

On East river—Pier 55 and Piers at foot of East Twenty-third and Thirty-third streets.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From Williams & Guion, lessees of Pier 46, North river, old number—In reference to ayment of rent for same.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to dredging performed in accordance with resolution adopted Jovember 18, 1875.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending ugust 29.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to condition of structure at foot of One Hundred and ourth street, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending August 26.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the communication from the Depart-ent of Public Works in reference to placing floating baths at Pier foot of Thirty-fifth street, orth river, and Pier 46, East river, reported that he had conferred with Mr. Kuch of said lepartment in relation to the matter; and that while the Pier at foot of Thirty-fifth street, orth river, was suitable for the purpose required, in his opinion it was inexpedient to place floating bath at Pier 46, East river, but that Pier 51, East river, was available for such use ithout detriment to the wants of commerce; that he had arranged with said David Tracy, ssee of said piers, for the mooring thereat of the floating baths, and would recommend the loption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a berth at the south side of the Pier at the foot of Thirty-fifth street, orth river, and a berth at the east side of Pier 51, East river, be and the same are hereby t apart, until the 18th of October, 1876, for the use of the Department of Public Works, for e purpose of mooring at each of said berths a free floating bath for public use, in accordance ith the provisions of chapter 169, Laws of 1876; and that said Department is hereby granted ermission to erect at said berths such platforms, etc., as may be required to afford proper gress and egress for persons using the baths; the work to be done by the direction and nder the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and authorized to allow a eduction of $612.50 to be made from the rent accruing under lease for the pier foot of hirty-fifth street, North river, and for the easterly half of Pier 51, East river, held by David

Tracy, and expiring 1st May, 1878, being $306.25 for each lease, in consequence of the Department having set apart at each of said piers a berth for the use of a free floating bath until the 18th October, 1876.

Resolved, That pursuant to the requirements of section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1876, the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to drive piles at the sides and ends of the free floating baths moored at the south side of the Pier at Thirty-fifth street, North river, and at the east side of Pier 51, East river, in order to provide safe berths for said baths; the work to be done in the manner heretofore adopted, except that floats or platforms may be constructed alongside either bath if the driving of piles shall be deemed to be impracticable.

A communication was received from P. J. Nevins & Sons, in reference to refuse thrown into slip between Piers 3 and 4, East river, from canal boats, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Board of Commissioners of Pilots, and request from it such co-operation in the premises to abate the nuisance complained of, as may be within its jurisdiction.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 6, 1876.

Present—President Wales and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meeting held 30th August ultimo, were read and approved.

An application was received from the Onondaga Lake Ice Company, for permission to maintain a platform on Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Onondaga Lake Ice Company to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of the Board, on the northerly side of Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, a platform to facilitate the landing of ice thereat, the lessee of said pier having filed in this office his written consent thereto.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of repairs required to be made to the Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary repairs to the Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, to place it in a safe and good condition, the work to be done in conformity with his report thereon of this date.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, reporting cost of constructing the temporary platform directed to be erected south of the approach to Pier 46 (old number),

forth river, by resolution adopted 16th August ultimo, but not including any estimate for the alue of the timber used therein, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bookkeeper be and he is hereby directed to prepare an itemized bill of ne cost of erecting, etc., the temporary platform, constructed south of the approach to Pier 46 old number), North river, under resolution adopted by this Board 16th ultimo, in conformity rith the statement of the Engineer-in-Chief of this date, and that the Secretary transmit the aid bill to Messrs. Booth and Edgar for payment, and request that the amount of $233.79 be emitted to the Treasurer of this Department, without delay.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relating to the coal heaver mployed on the Department tug "Manhattan," and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the rate of pay or vages for coal heavers employed on the floating property of the Department is adopted and stablished at $50 per month, in compliance with his recommendation of 29th ultimo.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Thomas O'Rorke and others—Applying for reduction of rent under lease of bulk-ead between Piers 19 and 20, East river.

From Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees—Relative to repairs required to Pier 14, East river, pursuant to resolution adopted 23d ultimo.

From Finance Department—Returning proposal of John Mullins, to furnish 5,000 arrels cement, without approval of sureties thereto.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 2d instant.

From H. A. Tiederman, lessee—Relating to bad condition of Pier at Twenty-eighth reet, North river.

From Treasurer of the Board—Statement of receipts and disbursements of Department for eek ending 5th instant.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt submitted for adoption a resolution directing the Engineer-in-hief to proceed with the construction of the bulkhead wall south of new Pier 42, North river, nd at Pier 43 (old number), North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board here went into executive session.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Recommending purchase of Portland cement.

From S. L. Merchant & Co.—Offering to supply Department with Portland cement.

From James Brand—Offering to supply Department with Portland cement.

On motion of the President, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to prepare without delay plans and specifications necessary for proceeding with the construction of new Pier 39, North river, upon the plan adopted for the permanent improvement of the water-front, and to be erected in the place of present Pier 47; the said plans and specifications to be submitted to this Board for approval.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 13, 1876.

Present—President Wales and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meeting held September 6th, instant, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, requesting that the bulkhead at the foot of One Hundred and Twelfth street, Harlem river, be raised to the established grade, to enable the contractor for paving the street to proceed with his work, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to raise the bulkhead at foot of One Hundred and Twelfth street, Harlem river, up to the properly established grade, the Department of Public Works having reported such work as necessary to enable the contractor for paving said street to properly fill in and execute his contract.

An application was received from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for permission to erect an awning at foot of Desbrosses street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to erect and maintain until 1st of November, 1876, a temporary awning about 70 feet by 25 feet, in front of the ferry buildings at foot of Desbrosses street, North river, for purpose of protecting baggage of passengers from damage.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, reporting the cost of rebuilding three docks at the northeast end of Blackwell's Island, in relation to which action was had by the Board on May 25 last, and being read, and the President stating that the Department of Public Charities and Correction had been informed, on the 9th instant, that this Department is now prepared to furnish the necessary dock-builders, pile-driver, etc., for doing the work, provided that Department will consent to place the names of such workmen upon

pay-rolls for the time employed, at the established rates of pay of this Department, and also agree to furnish such coal and material as may be required for the work,

On motion, the action of the President in so notifying the said Department was confirmed, and the Secretary directed to give the necessary instructions to the Engineer-in-Chief upon receiving an acceptance of the terms proposed.

An application was received from the Health Department to have the Pier at foot of Thirty-eighth street, North river, repaired, it being in a very dilapidated condition, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise the Counsel to the Corporation that the said pier is used and occupied by parties removing night-soil, dead animals, etc., from the city, under contracts made with the then City Inspector on April 8, 1865, and with the Health Department on November 7, 1874, and to request his opinion whether this Department had the right and is bound or compelled by law, or by the terms of the said contracts, to expend any portion or part of the proceeds received from sales of "Dock Bonds of the City of New York," issued for the purposes of the Department, in the rebuilding or repairing of the said pier during the period in which it is or shall be set apart or designated for use under the contracts as aforesaid.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Health Department—Relative to the unsafe condition of Pier at Twenty-eighth street, North river.

From Commissioners of Pilots—Relative to co-operation in matter of preventing throwing of refuse, etc., into slips.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending September 9, 1876.

From David Tracy, lessee—Consenting to driving of piles, etc., at south side of Pier at foot of Thirty-fourth street, North river, under permission given to S. V. Tripp on August 9, 1876.

From Treasurer of the Board—Report of receipts and disbursements for the week.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file and action had as follows:

On bad condition of Pier 59, East river. The President to consult with owner of north half as to repairs.

On float for small boats at Seventeenth street, East river. Superintendent Butler directed to notify owner or occupant to submit without delay any evidence he may be possessed of, as to his right to occupy said premises.

On condition of bulkhead between East Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets, it was

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the bulkhead between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets, East river, be and he is or they are hereby notified to make such repairs to said bulkhead as may be necessary to put the same in a good and substantial condition, it having been reported to this Department as being in bad condition.

On condition of bulkhead between Piers 23 and 24, East river, it was

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the bulkhead between Piers 23 and 24, East river, be and he is or they are hereby notified to make such repairs to said bulkhead as may be necessary to put it in proper and good condition, it having been reported to this Department as requiring to be rebuilt, being considerably bulged out.

On motion of the President, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to allow a deduction of $50 to be made from the rent due August 1, 1876, under lease for the Pier at foot of Fifty-first street, North river, held by Frederick Broege, and expiring May 1, 1878, consequent upon the free use of the pier being obstructed during the recent repaving of said street.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby notified to enter upon the records of the Finance Department, the name of John Mullins, of 14 Fourth Place, Brooklyn, as in default to the Corporation, he having refused or omitted to execute the contract for furnishing this Department with 5,000 barrels fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement, awarded to him on August 4, ultimo, although due notice was given him to comply with the requirements of his proposal.

Resolved, That the sureties to the bid of John Mullins, to whom was awarded on the 4th ultimo, the contract for furnishing to this Department 5,000 barrels fresh burnt English or Boulogne Portland cement, at $3.34½ per barrel, be and they are hereby notified that the Corporation will hold them liable for, and they will be required to pay the difference between the sum to which the said Mullins would be entitled to receive had the above named contract been completed, and the sum the Department may be obliged to pay to any higher bidder to whom a contract to furnish the said material may be awarded hereafter, consequent upon the failure of said Mullins to execute the contract awarded to him, as above.

Commissioner Westervelt submitted for adoption a resolution directing the Engineer-in-Chief to repair the Pier at foot of Thirteenth street, North river, in accordance with the report of that officer, dated June 5 last, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table with said report.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY, Secretary pro tem.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 20, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held September 13, instant, were read and approved.

An application was received from Thomas J. Madge to have the easterly side of the shed on Pier 18, East river, removed or changed at the expense of the Department, so as to provide increased berthing space; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Thomas J. Madge, lessee of the easterly side of Pier 18, East river, to have the doors in the shed thereon changed, at the expense of Department,

so as to provide for the berthing of a third vessel thereat, be and the same is hereby denied; and that the said lessee be informed that the Board is disposed to entertain an application for permission to make, at his own expense, such change in the easterly side of said shed as may be deemed best to secure the additional berth.

An application was received from W. D. Morgan, agent, for permission to place an office on the west side of Pier 18, East river; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to W. D. Morgan, agent, to place upon the westerly side of Pier 18, East river, to remain only during the pleasure of this Board, a portable office; provided the written consent thereto of the owner or owners of said westerly side shall be first filed in this Department.

An application was received from D. W. C. Ward, for permission to extend the pier north of the foot of Forty-ninth street, North river, and to remove the L on the southerly side thereof; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to D. W. C. Ward to remove the L on the southerly side of the Pier between the foot of Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, North river, and to extend the said pier for its full width, a distance of 30 feet westerly, to remain only during the pleasure of this Board or its successor; provided that the said work shall be done under the direction and supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending the sale of certain old material; and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file, and the action taken by the President on each, as stated below, confirmed.

From Department of Public Works—Requesting that piles around the bath at Pier 51, East river, be shortened to prevent damage to bath; Engineer-in-Chief directed to cut the piles off, if necessary (oral order).

From E. M. Wight—Asking for copy of notice served upon lessees of Pier 51, North river (old number), about October 9, 1873, as to the premises being required for the uses of the Department. Copy transmitted on the 14th instant.

From Erie Railway Company—Transmitting bill for repairs made to Pier 30, North river, for payment. Bill returned to company, the Department not being liable therefor.

From Thomas McKeagney—Reporting injury to horse by breaking through Pier at foot of Fifty-seventh street, North river. Notified that David Tracy, the lessee of said pier, is liable for any loss sustained.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Board of Commissioners of Pilots—Relative to a complaint of sand being discharged at bulkhead at foot of Eighteenth street, East river, without using canvas.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—Accepting proposition to detail workmen for rebuilding three docks at Blackwell's Island.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during the week ending September 16th instant.

From Treasurer of the Board—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending September 19th instant.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file, and action had as follows :

On sunken sloop between Piers 47 and 48, North river, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine the sunken sloop now lying in the slip between Piers 47 and 48, North river, and report the expense and cost necessary to remove the wreck from the water-front, and the value of the wreck when so removed.

On condition of Pier at Twentieth street, North river, it was

Resolved, That the Knickerbocker Ice Company, lessees of the Pier at foot of Twentieth street, North river, be and they are hereby notified that the said pier is reported to this Department as in a dangerous condition for travel, and that the required repairs must be made by the company forthwith.

On condition of Pier at Sixteenth street, North river, it was

Resolved, That Frederick Habkemeier, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to sheath the surface of the Pier at foot of Sixteenth street, North river, it being reported as in a bad condition.

On condition of Piers at Thirtieth, Thirty-fourth, Fortieth, Forty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, North river, the lessee, David Tracy, was requested to call upon the President at once.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully requested to hereafter cause all communications from the Finance Department relating to the official business of this Department, to be addressed and enclosed either to "The Department of Docks" or to the Secretary of this Board, as the custom which now obtains of addressing individual Commissioners may at some time delay action upon matters which should have immediate and prompt attention to fully protect the interests of the City.

On motion of the President, it was

Resolved, That Charles L. Wright & Company, lessees, be and they are hereby notified to repair the damage caused to the shed on new Pier 46, North river, by the steamers of their line coming in contact therewith.

On motion, the report of the Engineer-in-Chief relating to the repairs required on Pier at Thirteenth street, North river, was

Taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution, submitted by Commissioner Westervelt on 13th instant, adopted :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary repairs to the Pier at foot of Thirteenth street, North river, in order to place the same in a

safe and serviceable condition, provided that the owner or lessees of the southerly half of said pier shall first file in this office a written agreement to pay to this Department, upon completion of the said repairs, one-half of the cost thereof, the work to be done in accordance with the report of the Engineer-in-Chief dated June 5, 1876, and not to exceed in cost the sum of $1,500.

On motion, the communication from the Finance Department returning the bid of John Mullins for supplying cement without approval of sureties thereto, was taken from the files of the Executive Committee, and the communication from S. L. Merchant & Co., offering to furnish the Department with Portland cement, was taken from the table and both placed on file, and the following resolution adopted, all the Commissioners voting aye :

Resolved, That the action of the President in accepting the offer of S. L. Merchant & Co., dated 5th instant, to furnish to this Department 3,000 barrels fresh burnt English Portland cement, at $3.42½ per barrel, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the petition of Thomas O'Rorke and others, lessees, for a reduction of rent of lease of bulkhead between Piers 20 and 21, East river, was taken from the files of the Executive Committee and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the petition of Thomas O'Rorke and Brennan & Quinn, lessees of the bulkhead between Piers 20 and 21, East river, for either a reduction in the rent for said bulkhead or a cancellation of the lease thereof, be and the same is hereby denied, the lease for the said bulkhead having been purchased by them at public sale held March 7, 1876, they being the highest bidders therefor, and the law not vesting this Board with power to either reduce the rent or annul the lease.

The Board here went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to pro rata pay being allowed to Captains and Engineers of pile-drivers for extra time made, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that Captains and Engineers of pile drivers may be allowed pay, pro rata, for all time over eight hours per day, when employed continuously and by his special order, in accordance with his recommendation of this date.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that John H. Staats be appointed Transitman, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John H. Staats, now employed nominally as Rodman, be and he is hereby designated as Transitman, at a salary of $1,000 per annum, to take effect from and after September 18, 1876, inclusive, in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief of this date.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

WM. M. WHITNEY, Secretary pro tem.

supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, the said pipe to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

A communication was received from Thomas J. Madge, stating that E. E. Morgan's Sons had neglected and refused to place the office on the east side of Pier 18, East river, leased by him, in the condition it was before they commenced to tear it away, and as directed by the Board, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Secretary, with directions to call upon Messrs. Morgan, and learn for what reasons they had neglected to carry out the instructions issued by this Board in reference to the said office, etc., and report to the Board.

A communication was received from J. McDonald & Co., in reference to the bad condition of the Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to examine the condition of Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and report the cost of making necessary repairs to place the same in a good and safe condition.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the surface of Pier 62, East river, for a space of twelve feet by ninety, needed to be resheathed, fenders replaced, etc., at a cost of $149.03, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the repairs to the northerly half of Pier 62, East river, necessary to put that part of the pier in good and safe condition, the work to be done in conformity with his communication in relation thereto, dated 25th instant.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending an increase in the wages paid to Captain and Engineer of the ten-ton derrick, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the following rates of pay or wages are adopted and established, to take effect from and after the 19th instant, not inclusive, in compliance with his recommendation of 28th instant, to wit:

To Wm. Rose, Engineer on the ten-ton derrick.....$21 00 per week.
To Richard Munster, Rigger on the ten-ton derrick..... 18 00 "

A petition was received from T. Eldredge, for permission to place a platform scale on Pier 53, foot of Jackson street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to T. Eldredge to place and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a pair of platform scales, 10 by 16 feet, on Pier 53, East river; provided, that the owner of westerly half of said pier shall first file his written consent thereto in this office.

A communication was received from W. D. Morgan, lessee, enclosing consent of owner of west side of Pier 18, East river, to the erection thereon of an office, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 4, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held September 20 and 29 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works to have the piles at the sides of the floating bath at Pier 51, East river, straightened, and being read and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the Engineer-in-Chief had been directed to perform the necessary work,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from A. M. Pentz & Co., as to the bad condition of the bulkhead foot of West Eleventh street, and a report on the same having been made to the effect that the recent rains had washed away the sand and filling under the pavement adjoining the bulkhead,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works be and it is hereby respectfully called to the condition of West Eleventh street, between West street and Thirteenth avenue, and that he be requested to cause the necessary repairs thereto to be made without delay, the recent heavy rains having washed the filling of the street through the bulkhead to such an extent as to cause the pavement to settle, and complaint thereof having been made to this Department.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas J. Madge for permission to make alterations in the east side of the shed on Pier 18, East river, reporting that he had visited the premises and was of the opinion that three additional openings in the side of the shed would give all needed facilities for the discharging of cargo thereat,

On motion, the petition of Mr. Thomas J. Madge was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Thomas J. Madge, lessee of easterly half of Pier 18, East river, to make three additional openings or doorways in the east side of the shed thereon, each to be about 7 feet wide, but not to extend in height beyond the bracing, for the purpose of offering increased facilities for the berthing of vessels thereat, provided that the work be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A memorandum was received from the Engineer-in-Chief of old material and recommending its sale, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

Tracy, and expiring 1st May, 1878, being $306.25 for each lease, in consequence of the Department having set apart at each of said piers a berth for the use of a free floating bath until the 18th October, 1876.

Resolved, That pursuant to the requirements of section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1876, the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to drive piles at the sides and ends of the free floating baths moored at the south side of the Pier at Thirty-fifth street, North river, and at the east side of Pier 51, East river, in order to provide safe berths for said baths; the work to be done in the manner heretofore adopted, except that floats or platforms may be constructed alongside either bath if the driving of piles shall be deemed to be impracticable.

A communication was received from P. J. Nevins & Sons, in reference to refuse thrown into slip between Piers 3 and 4, East river, from canal boats, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Board of Commissioners of Pilots, and request from it such co-operation in the premises to abate the nuisance complained of, as may be within its jurisdiction.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held September 6, 1876.

Present—President Wales and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meeting held 30th August ultimo, were read and approved.

An application was received from the Onondaga Lake Ice Company, for permission to maintain a platform on Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Onondaga Lake Ice Company to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of the Board, on the northerly side of Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, a platform to facilitate the landing of ice thereat, the lessee of said pier having filed in this office his written consent thereto.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the cost of repairs required to be made to the Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to make the necessary repairs to the Pier at foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river, to place it in a safe and good condition, the work to be done in conformity with his report thereon of this date.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, reporting cost of constructing the temporary platform directed to be erected south of the approach to Pier 46 (old number),

North river, by resolution adopted 16th August ultimo, but not including any estimate for the value of the timber used therein, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bookkeeper be and he is hereby directed to prepare an itemized bill of the cost of erecting, etc., the temporary platform, constructed south of the approach to Pier 46 (old number), North river, under resolution adopted by this Board 16th ultimo, in conformity with the statement of the Engineer-in-Chief of this date, and that the Secretary transmit the said bill to Messrs. Booth and Edgar for payment, and request that the amount of $233.79 be remitted to the Treasurer of this Department, without delay.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relating to the coal heaver employed on the Department tug "Manhattan," and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the rate of pay or wages for coal heavers employed on the floating property of the Department is adopted and established at $50 per month, in compliance with his recommendation of 29th ultimo.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Thomas O'Rorke and others—Applying for reduction of rent under lease of bulkhead between Piers 19 and 20, East river.

From Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees—Relative to repairs required to Pier 14, East river, pursuant to resolution adopted 23d ultimo.

From Finance Department—Returning proposal of John Mullins, to furnish 5,000 barrels cement, without approval of sureties thereto.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 2d instant.

From H. A. Tiederman, lessee—Relating to bad condition of Pier at Twenty-eighth Street, North river.

From Treasurer of the Board—Statement of receipts and disbursements of Department for week ending 5th instant.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

Commissioner Westervelt submitted for adoption a resolution directing the Engineer-in-Chief to proceed with the construction of the bulkhead wall south of new Pier 42, North river, and at Pier 43 (old number), North river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The Board here went into executive session.

A special report was received from Superintendent Smith, in reference to the bad condition of the bulkhead south of Pier 29, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the bulkhead adjoining the southerly side of Pier 29, North river, be and he is, or they are, hereby notified to make the necessary repairs thereto without delay, it being reported as in a dangerous condition and liable to cave in at any moment.

A communication was received from J. Skidmore & Sons, requesting to be allowed the use of the bulkhead foot of Thirty-fifth street, East river, and offering as rent therefor the sum of $100 per annum, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Jeremiah Skidmore & Sons be and they are hereby granted the use and occupation, during the pleasure of this Board, of the bulkhead at foot of Thirty-fifth street, East river, for commercial purposes only, provided they shall pay to this Department as rent therefor the sum of $100 per annum, payable at that rate quarterly in advance from and after October 1, 1876.

A communication was received from Department of Public Works, requesting that the piles at the several free floating baths be removed, as the baths were to be placed in winter quarters, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have the piles, rafts, etc., removed from said baths, commencing the work at the bath moored at Pier 51, East river.

A notice from the Register in Bankruptcy of the estate of H. Gelpcke was received, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the notice from the United States Marshal's office, Eastern District of New York, dated Brooklyn, October 6, 1876, of a meeting to be held on 20th instant, in the matter of Herman Gelpcke, bankrupt, be and the same is hereby transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that he take such action in the premises as may be necessary to fully protect the interests of the City.

A petition was received from John Nichols, Jr., to place a small weigher's office on the Pier foot of West Tenth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the petitioner requested to call on the President and more fully explain as to the precise location of the office proposed to be erected.

A petition was received from R. Cornell White, in behalf of the Harlem Navigation Company and the Morrisania Steamboat Company, to place gates near the outer ends of Piers foot of Grand, Eleventh, Twenty-third, One Hundred and Ninth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, East river, and being read read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the petitioner informed that this Board will consider the matter, upon the filing in this office of the written consent to the erection of such gates by the owner of the Pier foot of Eleventh street, and the lessees of the other above-named piers.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From G. L. Schuyler & Son—As to use of bulkhead foot of Thirty-fifth street, East iver.

From James McIntire—As to use of old floating stages at new Pier 42, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 7.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending)ctober 10.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read and the following :solutions adopted :

Resolved, That the Police Department be and it is hereby respectfully notified to repair ithout delay the bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, now occupied by the Street leaning Bureau, it being reported to this Department as in very bad condition, the backing ›gs being nearly all gone.

Resolved, That H. P. Farrington, lessee of bulkhead adjoining southerly side of Pier 39, lorth river, be and he is hereby notified to make the necessary repairs thereto without delay.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report as to repairs ecessary to be made to bulkhead foot of Bank street, North river, and also as to whether the ıfety of the end of the Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, requires that six spring iles should be placed thereat.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to replace the broken planks on the north de of the Pier foot of Stanton street, East river, Superintendent Butler having reported the ecessity of the repairs.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine the bulkhead at the foot of Vest Eleventh street, North river, and report the cost of placing the 100 feet pressed out in ood and safe condition.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify David Tracy, lessee of bulkhead foot of Vest Eleventh street, to call upon the President in reference to the condition thereof.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for ıe uses and purposes of the Department 650 spruce piles, not less than 12 inches at the butt or less than 6 inches diameter 45 feet from the butt, at a price not to exceed $4 per pile, the ıid purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of :ction 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

The President submitted for adoption the following resolutions, altering or amending the :y-laws, and which, in compliance with the requirements of section 1, article 17, were laid ver for one week before being voted upon :

Resolved, That the following words be and they are hereby stricken out from section 1 f article 9, relating to the duties of the Bookkeeper, to wit: "Draw and countersign all equisitions for material, supplies, stores, etc., and take such further action in relation thereto s may be necessary to carry out the requirements of section 2 of article 15."

Resolved, That section 2 of article 15 be and the same is hereby altered or amended so as to read as follows, to wit: "All orders or requisitions for materials, stores, supplies, etc., or under which any money is to be expended, shall be drawn, prepared and countersigned by the Clerk to the Auditing Committee, who shall be designated as 'Audit Clerk,' and after being endorsed with a certificate of necessity by the President, shall be signed by the Treasurer or the Commissioner acting in his stead, and countersigned by the other members of the Board, except that in case of the absence of a member from sickness or other disability, the signature of two members only shall be necessary. The said clerk shall then place them before the President, and all purchases by virtue of such orders or requisitions shall be made under the supervision of that officer."

The President, to whom was referred with power the communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending the sale of certain old material, reported that he had directed the Secretary to arrange with William Kennelly, auctioneer, to sell the said material at public auction on Tuesday, October 24, and to have said sale duly advertised, as required by law.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 18, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held October 11 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to extending the time for the completion of new Pier 42, North river, and making an estimate for the work done under contract, etc., and being read

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the date for the completion of the work to be done under the contract with James McIntire for building new Pier 42, North river, dated December 7, 1875, and expiring April 7, 1876, be and the same is hereby extended to November 1, 1876, prior to which date the provisions of said contract relating to penalty for non-completion shall be void and of non-effect, the said extension of time being made consequent upon the failure of the Department to complete the construction of the bulkhead wall in rear of said pier in time to admit of said pier being serviceable had the contract been finished within the time agreed upon, and the interests of the City not being compromised by the delay in the fulfillment of the contract.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to the amount of dredging required to be done at the bulkhead at East Seventeenth street, to accommodate the boats of the Street Cleaning Department, in all about 2,500 cubic yards, and the President reporting that he had directed the Engineer to at once proceed with the work of dredging as required,

On motion, the action of the President in relation to the matter was approved, and the communication placed on file.

A petition was received from James F. Minster, offering to lease the bulkheads foot of hirty-second and Thirty-sixth streets, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the petitioner notified to call upon the President in lation thereto.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the sinking of the tug Louis," and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President to examine and report as to the facts of the case.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the cost of repairs necessary to be ade to the bulkhead foot of West Eleventh street, North river, and being read, and the ssee of the premises, Mr. J. D. Tracy, being present and signifying his willingness to make id repairs at his own cost,

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the repairs necessary to be made Pier 7, East river, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Erie Railway Company, lessees of Pier 7, East river, be and they re hereby notified to make, without delay, temporary repairs to the deck of said pier, several angerous holes existing therein, and that at the close of canal navigation the said lessees will e required to make general repairs to the said pier in order to put it in condition for future se, the said general repairs to be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this)epartment.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to repairs necessary to be made to ulkhead foot of Bank street, North river, involving an expense of about $175; and being ead,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed at once with the work of aking said repairs, in accordance with his report under date of October 16.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending)ctober 17.

From Police Department—As to filling to be deposited between new Piers 42 and 43, Vorth river.

From J. Skidmore & Sons—Agreeing to pay rent for the bulkhead foot of East Thirty-ifth street.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 14.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In reference to spring piles, if required, at end of Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in order to prevent the purchasing of material contrary to law, the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to furnish with each and every requisition for upplies and materials necessary for the uses and purposes of the Department, an approxi-

mate estimate of the gross cost thereof, and that every requisition for material exceeding in cost the sum of $1,000 be presented to this Board by the President, before the purchase is made.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the President in purchasing on September 14, 1876, of Joshua & Wilson, Saylor's Portland cement, as follows : 250 barrels, at $3.50 per barrel, and 400 bags, containing 96½ barrels, at $2.80 per barrel, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

Resolved, That the action of the President in purchasing on September 5, 1876, of Phelps & Kimpland 155 dock piles, 60 to 70 feet long, and not less than 6 inches at small end, at $10 per pile, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on September 20, 1876, whereby the action of the President in accepting the offer of S. L. Merchant & Co. to furnish to this Department 3,000 barrels fresh burnt English Portland cement, at $3.42½ per barrel, was confirmed, be and the same is hereby altered and amended, so as to confirm the acceptance of 4,000 barrels of said cement at $3.40 per barrel, instead of said 3,000 barrels, such option being given in said offer, and the necessities of the Department requiring that the larger quantity be bought, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That as new Pier 42, North river, is now completed and ready for occupancy, the General Transatlantic Steamship Company be and they are hereby notified that said pier is ready for their use, and that in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted February 18, 1875, the rent to be due from and payable by said company for said pier from and after November 1 next, will be at the rate of $30,000 per annum, and that this Department will from and after said November 1 next require possession of new Pier 43, North river, now used by said company.

The President called up for action the resolutions offered by him at the meeting held 11th instant, providing for the amendment of the By-laws in reference to the duties of the Bookkeeper, drawing requisitions for supplies, etc., and the Secretary having stated that one week had expired since the notice of the amendment was given, as required by article 22, section 1,

On motion, said resolutions as recorded on pages 196 and 197 of the minutes of said meeting were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 19, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of forty-six bills, amounting in all to the sum of $21,477.36, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held October 25, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the repairs to the Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river, had been completed at a cost of $1,101.48, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to prepare a statement of one-half of the cost and expense of repairing the Pier at foot of Thirteenth street, North river, under resolution adopted September 20, 1876, the whole amount of the cost being $1,101.48, and that the Secretary transmit the said statement to the lessees of the southerly half of said pier for payment of the amount to this Department, in conformity with the written agreement of said lessees filed in this office September 22, 1876.

An additional communication was received from Mr. Jas. F. Minster, offering to pay for the bulkheads foot of Thirty-second and Thirty-sixth streets, East river, at the rate of $75 and $100 per annum, respectively, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That James F. Minster be and he is hereby granted the use and occupation, during the pleasure of this Board, of the bulkhead at the foot of Thirty-second and Thirty-sixth streets, East river, for commercial purposes only; provided, that he shall pay to this Department, as rent therefor, till the 1st of May, 1877, at the rate of $75 per annum for the bulkhead at Thirty-second street, and at the rate of $100 per annum for the bulkhead at Thirty-sixth street, payable quarterly in advance, from and after November 1, 1876.

On motion, the petition of John Nichol, Jr., was taken from the table and placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John Nichol, Jr. to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a small shelter house on the bulkhead connecting the easterly side of the temporary roadway to new Pier 47 with the bulkhead east thereof at the foot of Tenth street, North river, to be used a protection from the weather in his business as coal weigher.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the use by the Knickerbocker Ice Company of Department dredging machine scows loaned said company, as provided in resolution adopted August 10th last, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to prepare a statement of claim in the sum of $977.46 against the Knickerbocker Ice Company, for use of three pocket scows to facilitate dredging of slip at Pier 49, North river, and that the Secretary transmit the said claim to the said company for payment to this Department, in accordance with the terms approved by resolution adopted by this Board on August 9, 1876.

A petition was received from Thomas Patton to erect platform and shed in front of bulkhead adjoining north side of Pier 36, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Thomas Patton, owner of the 54 feet of bulkhead adjoining the northerly side of Pier 36, North river, to drive piles and erect a platform in front thereof and extending outwardly for a distance of about 60 feet, and to erect upon said platform a shed for the protection of freight; provided he shall first and within ten days from the receipt hereof file in this office a written agreement to pay to this Department or its successor, as rent for the land under water to be covered by the said platform, in the sum of $250 per annum, payable quarterly, and also to obtain and file in this office the written consent of the lessee of the upper side of Pier 36 to the erection of said platform and shed. The work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and in conformity with the Fire Laws of the City, and the said platform and shed to remain only during the pleasure of this Board or its successor.

A communication was received from Coudert Bros., attorneys for the General Transatlantic Steamship Company, lessee of new Pier 42, North river, asking that an extension of time be granted to said company for the commencement of the rent due therefor, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state in reply to said communication, that if the said company desires to avail themselves of what they claim as their legal right, viz.: not to occupy the pier until after three months from November 1, they will be required to notify this Department of such election at once, and in case of such election the Department shall prohibit any use of the pier on their part for such period and shall use it for its own purposes, and require a surrender of the pier the company now occupy at once, and that unless said company shall notify this Board of its election not to occupy the new pier until after the three months' notice, rent for said pier at the rate of $30,000 per annum will commence 1st day of November next, but that if said company would like five or ten days longer to effect its removal from new Pier 42, North river, the Department will be disposed to accommodate it.

The following reports were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 21.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements during week ending October 24.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 1, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held October 18, 19 and 25, were read and approved.

A petition was received from Drew & Bucki, to build a platform on piles in front of the bulkhead between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Drew & Bucki, lessees of the bulkhead south of and adjoining Pier at Thirteenth street, North river, to drive piles and to erect and maintain in front thereof, during the pleasure of this Board or its successor, a platform extending southerly from the existing projection at the southerly side of said pier to the north line of Little Twelfth street, extended, being about 200 feet, and westerly a distance of about 40 feet, so as to be on a line with the westerly boundary of said projection, and to be used and occupied for commercial purposes only, provided that the said lessees shall first and within ten days from date hereof, file in this office a written agreement to pay to this Department as rent for the land under water to be covered by said platform the sum of $500 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, from and after December 1, 1876, together with the written consent of the owners of said bulkhead to the improvement being made, and provided further that the work be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A petition was received from Charles A. Schermerhorn, for permission to insert a drain-pipe in the bulkhead opposite No. 113 South street, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Charles A. Schermerhorn to insert a drain-pipe in the bulkhead between Piers 23 and 24, East river, to connect with building No. 113 South street; provided that the written consent thereto of the owner of said bulkhead shall be first filed in this office, and that the work shall he done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, the said pipe to remain only during the pleasure of this Board or its successor.

A petition was received from John Mulholland, contractor, to erect a temporary dumping-board foot of Forty-second street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John Mulholland, contractor, to erect and maintain during the pleasure of the Board or its successor, a temporary dumping-board at the foot of Forty-second street, East river, to facilitate the construction of a sewer from Third avenue to the river, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A petition was received from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to retain the awning at the foot of Desbrosses street, North river, till the 20th instant, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the time during which permission was granted on September 13, 1876, to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to maintain a temporary awning in front of the ferry buildings at foot of Desbrosses street, North river, be and the same is hereby extended and

continued until November 20, 1876, inclusive, at which date the said awning must be promptly removed.

A petition was received from Leonard & Eldredge to place three coal bins on Pier 53, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Leonard & Eldredge for permission to erect three coal bins on Pier 53, East river, be and the same is hereby denied, the rules and regulations of this Board not permitting the use of wharf property for storage purposes.

A communication was received from Stephen Roberts, lessee of Pier foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, stating that owing to a large rock adjacent to the pier the premises are unfit for commercial uses, etc., and asking to be released from the lease of said pier, etc., and being read, was,

On motion, laid on the table and the petitioner requested to call upon the President.

A petition was received from Benj. J. Hall, to retain small office now on Pier 17, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the petitioner requested to call on the President.

A resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on October 21, 1876, was received, whereby V. W. McFarlane & Co. were permitted to lay a 3½-inch iron pipe from their premises in Tenth avenue to and through the bulkhead at the foot of Little West Twelfth street, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to supervise the work of inserting said pipe in the bulkhead referred to, as provided in the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending October 28.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending October 31.

A communication was received from Wm. Neilson, Secretary of the Importers and Grocers' Board of Trade, relating to the commercial bodies of this City to be invited to join in a conference upon the subject of permanent improvements for the water-front, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the only commercial body other than said Board to whom an invitation to appoint committees was extended by this Department direct is, the New York Produce Exchange, and that invitations to other commercial bodies have not been issued by the Department direct, as the Commissioners have been of the opinion that it would be more satisfactory to all concerned should they be issued by action of the joint conference, as constituted with D. M. Turnure, Esq., Chairman.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing report of Herman Winter, Superintendent of Floating Property, giving detailed account of the sinking of the tug "Louis," on October 16, 1876, off Coney Island, and being read, and the President reporting that as requested by the Board, he had carefully examined in the facts of the case, and

found that although the tug "Louis" had frequently passed over the point where she struck in perfect safety, and found sufficient depth of water, yet on the day she struck there was an extraordinary low tide, and that as soon as the tug touched hard bottom she turned over and sunk, and that from the data he had been enabled to get, he could not attach blame to those in charge of the tug for the accident.

On motion, the communications from the Engineer-in-Chief, under date October 18 and 25, in reference to the above were placed on file.

A communication was forwarded by the Engineer-in-Chief, from Israel J. Merritt, General Agent of the Coast Wrecking Company, No. 51 Wall street, stating that he had examined the sunken steamer "Louis," and found that she is going down in the sand very fast, lying in a bed of quicksand, and would be a bad case to save, but that he would attempt to save the tug for $10,000, and if not successful would make no charge, and being read,

On motion, the said offer was declined, it being the opinion of this Board that if said tug was raised, or her machinery recovered, it would not be worth anything like the amount paid for salvage.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the easterly half of Pier 19, East river, be and he is or they are notified to make the necessary repairs to the planking thereof, it being reported as worn in many places.

Resolved, That Alexander Mason and Robert Foster, lessees of the westerly half of Pier 19, East river, be and they are hereby notified to make the necessary repairs to the planking thereof, it being reported as worn in many places.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to cause the pavement in the vicinity of Pier 27, East river, to be repaired, it being reported to this Department as in need of repair.

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the Pier 28, East river, be and he is, or they are, hereby notified to make the necessary repairs to the planking thereof, it being reported to this Department as worn through in many places.

Resolved, That the Police Department be and it is hereby notified to make the necessary repairs to the dumping-boards on Pier foot of Thirty-seventh street, North river, and on Pier 37, East river, they being reported as in bad condition, and the former as dangerous for travel.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to cause the removal of the boulders now on Piers 6 and 7, East river, if they were placed there by the dredging machine of this Department while dredging the adjacent slip.

A form of contract and proposal was submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief for removing Pier 47, North river (old number), including sheds, etc., and building on site a new wooden pier to be known as new Pier 39, North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the form of proposal and contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for removing Pier 47, North river (old number), including sheds, etc., and for building on site a new wooden pier to be known as new Pier 39, North river, be and the same is hereby

approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for doing said work, inserted in the papers designated by law.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cause to be inserted in the "Herald" and "Journal of Commerce" the following notice :

NOTICE.—By order of the Board governing the Department of Docks, vessels are hereby forbidden from passing between the end of new Pier 1, North river, and the two buoys moored northwest and southwest therefrom, as the work now under construction is 3 feet below low water and 30 feet west of the part which is above water, and also to advise the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the foregoing action, and requesting said Board to advise if either the law or its rules and regulations require any further action in the premises by this Department.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 8, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting held November 1, was

On motion, dispensed with.

A communication was received from the Health Department, as to the foul condition of the slip at the foot of Twenty-fourth street, North river, and the necessity of having the same dredged, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, be and he is or they are hereby notified to do, without delay, such dredging in front thereof as may be necessary to place that part of the slip in a clean condition and free from foul odors at low water, the Board of Health having advised this Department that such action is required.

A communication was received from the Health Department, in reference to the space outside of the bulkhead line in front of premises Nos. 377 to 383 West street (Morton and Barrow streets), and recommending that the same should be filled in with clean earth, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Police Department, stating that repairs were needed to be made to the Pier foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, to render the same safe for travel, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the lessee of the Pier at the foot of Seventy-ninth street, North river, be and he is hereby notified to make without delay the necessary repairs to said pier, it being reported by the Police Department as in a dangerous condition, several large holes already existing.

A communication was received from Frederick Clarkson, in reference to the occupancy of the bulkhead between Piers 49 and 50, North river, by vessels, while its use was denied to the lessees thereof (this Department being engaged in the work of constructing the new bulkhead wall in front thereof), and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the facts of the case.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that in consequence of the loss of the Department tug "Louis," he had suspended the following named, comprising the crew of said tug, viz.: John McCarthy, Captain; William B. Timpson, Engineer; Thomas Jackson, Fireman; William Stevens, Deckhand, and Charles Myers, Cook, and had also suspended Jere. Silk, Deckhand on the tug "Manhattan," for general neglect of duty, and had assigned John Leary, lately employed as Deckhand on the tug "Louis" to fill the vacancy, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the action of the Engineer-in-Chief approved.

A communication was received from the Fire Department, requesting that a berth between Gouverneur and Pike streets, East river, be assigned for the use of the fire steamer "Wm. F. Havemeyer," and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report on the subject to the Board.

A communication was received from Theo. Roosevelt and others, to have this Department refund to them the sum of $6,026.40 incurred for the dredging of the slip between Piers 9 and 10, East river, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, giving all the facts connected with the dredging of said slip in conformity with the resolution adopted by the Board on 3d May last, as well as the reasons embodied in the communication of Mr. Roosevelt for the refunding of the cost of dredging the slip, and requesting him to render his opinion in writing as to whether this Department has the right and is bound or compelled by law to expend any portion of the proceeds received from the sale of "Dock Bonds" issued for the purposes of the Department, in dredging of slips adjacent to property not owned by the Corporation, or to reimburse the said owners of Pier 9, East river, for the expense incurred in dredging thereat under the said resolution adopted by this Board.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to floating stages at the floating baths at Thirty-sixth street, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 4.

From Treasurer of the Board of Docks—As to receipts, etc., for week ending November 6.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation, requesting his opinion as to whether this Department, in order to continue its work of improving the water-front of the city under the new plans, can, under the provisions of the lease to the Knickerbocker Ice Company, take possession of a portion of the Pier No.

49, North river, and simply allow the lessees thereof a proportionate reduction of the rent stipulated to be paid, and whether the work of improving the premises in accordance with the new plans would be considered as embraced in the clause which provides for taking the premises for the city's use, or whether this Department must proceed to acquire possession of the premises held under said lease in the manner prescribed in subdivision 4 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, etc.

A bill from the "City of Hoboken" was received for taxes, amounting to $97.50 on piles stored there, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to ascertain from the Collector of Revenues of said city as to whether said tax might not be remitted to the City of New York.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report on the condition of the east half of Pier 6, East river, reported as in need of repair, and Commissioner Westervelt requested to examine and report as to the condition of the bulkhead east side of the foot of Corlears street and Pier 61, East river, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. W. D. Andrews, owner of east side of Pier 59, East river, to call upon the President in reference to its bad condition.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of one bill, amounting in the whole to the sum of $10,200, for Portland cement, purchased of S. L. Merchant & Co., and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 15, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held November 1 and 8 were read and approved.

A petition was received from J. A. Bouker, for an extension of time on his contract for building a platform between Piers 45 and 46, North river, and being read, and the Engineer-in-Chief approving thereof,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the date for the completion of the work to be done under the contract with John A. Bouker, for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46 (old numbers), North river, dated August 30, and expiring October 30, 1876, be and the same is hereby extended to December 15, 1876, prior to which date the provision of said contract relating to penalty for non-completion shall be void and of non-effect, the said extension of time being made consequent upon the high tides preventing the work being completed within the period specified by the contract.

A communication was received from D. M. Turnure, Chairman of Importers and Grocers' Board of Trade, in reference to conference with Commissioners of Docks, relative to the improvement of the water-front, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

A petition was received from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, for permission to erect a shed on their Pier south of foot of Thirty-second street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to erect and maintain on Pier adjoining and south of foot of Thirty-second street, North river, a shed and other structures for the protection of property received and discharged thereat; the said shed, etc., to be about 450 by 48 feet, and to be constructed subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in accordance with the directions of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Department, and to be removed when so ordered by this Board or its successor, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever against the Corporation.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting to be allowed the use of the Pier foot of Fifty-fifth street, North river, leased to the Western Union Telegraph Company, and being read, and the President reporting that he had informed the said Commissioner that application for the use of the pier must be made to the lessee thereof,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A petition was received from G. V. Hecker & Co., to place an iron pipe under Pier 40, East river, etc., and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to G. V. Hecker & Co., to place a 10-inch iron pipe under the deck of Pier 40, East river, in order to take water from the river for the uses and purposes of the Croton Mills in Cherry street, provided that the work be done under the direction of the Engineer-in Chief of this Department, and that the said pipe be removed when so ordered by this Board or its successor, free of all cost and expense to the Corporation.

A communication was received from the Police Department, in reference to repairs needed to Pier 51½, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That David Tracy, lessee of small pier between Piers 51 and 52, East river, be and he is hereby notified to make necessary repairs thereto at once, the Police Department having advised that a dangerous hole exists therein.

A communication was received from Phelps & Kimpland, offering to furnish to the Department white pine timber, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the uses and purposes of the Department, 51 sticks 12 feet by 12 inches sawed white

pine timber, 50 feet in length, at a price not to exceed $35 per M., for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between old Piers 46 and 47, North river, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to claim of Roundsman O'Brien for car fares, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred back to the Engineer-in-Chief to have a new bill rendered.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing a form of proposal and contract for wooden platform between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the form of proposal and contract, as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for doing said work, inserted in the papers designated by law.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works to have the outlet sewer at West Tenth street rebuilt by this Department, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to enclose a copy thereof to the Counsel to the Corporation, and requesting him to advise this Board in writing as to whether this Department has the right and is bound or compelled by law to expend any portion of the proceeds received from the sale of Dock Bonds, issued for the purposes of the Department, in the construction and repairing of such necessary temporary outlets for sewers along the line of the permanent improvement of the water-front.

The following communications were received, read and

On motion, placed on file.

From Board of Commissioners of Pilots—In reference to buoys placed at new Pier 1, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 11.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending November 14.

Commissioner Westervelt, to whom was referred the communication from the Fire Department in reference to providing a berth on the East river for the steamer "William F. Havemeyer," reporting that he had personally visited the section reported by said Department as suitable for its purposes, and found that the small pier between Piers 51 and 52 was a desirable place for berthing said steamer,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President of the Fire Department of the City of New York be and he is hereby respectfully informed, in reply to his application of the 3d instant for a berth on the East river, between Gouverneur and Pike streets, for the use of the fire steamer, "William F. Havemeyer," that all the wharf property owned by the Corporation in that location is

subject to lease, and he is respectfully referred to the lessee, David Tracy, No. 329 West Ninety-second street, of the small pier between Piers 51 and 52, as being the most suitable place for the desired berth in that vicinity.

On motion, the communication from said Fire Department, in reference to the above, was taken from the table and placed on file.

The petition of Benjamin J. Hall, to retain office on Pier 17, East river, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Benjamin J. Hall to maintain, during the pleasure of this Board or its successor, a small office on wheels, as now located on Pier 17, East river, to be used and occupied for shipping purposes only.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to William F. Buckley, President New York Balance Dock Company, stating that considerable time has elapsed since the Department consented to the use of Pier 40, East river, while his floating dock should remain there, pending the securing of proper mooring elsewhere, and that possession of the premises is now required by this Department, and requesting him to advise at once the date upon which he will remove the said dock from the said premises.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that at present the Department is not at work on the bulkhead wall between old Piers 49 and 50, North river, and that until further notice from this Department when work shall be resumed there the bulkhead between said piers can be used for commercial purposes, and being read

On motion, the communication from Mr. Frederick Clarkson, in reference to the use of said premises was taken from the table and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform him and the Captain of the Port of the fact that until further notice from this Department, the said bulkhead is open to commercial use.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Levi Kerr to call upon the President in reference to pier.

On motion, the Bookkeeper was directed to prepare a list of all arrearages of rent due from lessees of wharf property belonging to the Corporation.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That W. D. Andrews & Bro., owners of the northerly half of Pier 59, East river, and the Knickerbocker Ice Company, lessees of the southerly half of said pier, be and they are hereby notified to make, without delay, the necessary repairs to the same, as it is reported to this Department as being in bad condition.

Commissioner Westervelt reported that, as requested by the Board, he had examined the surface of Pier 61, East river, and would recommend that the Engineer-in-Chief be directed to repair the same by resheathing it for a space of 50 by 20 feet at the inner end of the pier, at a cost of about $150.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed with the work of said repairs, as recommended.

Commissioner Westervelt further reporting that he had, in accordance with the request of the Board, examined the bulkhead adjoining the easterly side of pier foot of Rivington street, and found that to make it safe and serviceable it should be rebuilt,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report as to the cost of making the repairs required, and also as to whether the Department has on hand any old material which could be used in said repairs.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, enclosing release of James McIntire, contractor for building wooden pier foot of Bank street, North river, the contract for which was awarded April 21, 1876, in the suit of James S. Thayer vs. The Mayor, etc., and James McIntire, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 17, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presenting an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $17,904.60, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 22, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held November 15 and 17, were read and approved.

A petition was received from B. Kriescher & Son for permission to erect a shed on the bulkhead north of Stanton street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of B. Kriescher & Son, for permission to erect a shed on the bulkhead north of Stanton street, East river, for the protection of goods received and delivered thereat, be and the same is hereby denied, this Board not having authority to grant such permission except to persons engaged in steam navigation, and who shall be owners or lessees of the wharf property occupied therefor, and upon which the shed is to be erected.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief stating that several minor repairs were needed to the shed on new Pier 43, North river, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed with the work of said repairs in accordance with his recommendation.

A special report was received from Superintendent Smith, stating that several of the mooring posts on the bulkhead foot of West Eleventh street, had been carried away and a portion of the premises damaged, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report the repairs necessary to be made.

A communication was received from W. D. Andrews & Bro. in reference to repairs necessary to be made to Pier 59, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and Mr. Andrews notified to call upon the Commissioners on Friday, 24th instant, at 2½ o'clock.

A communication was received from Drew & Bucki, agreeing to pay rent for land under water between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, North river, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file and the Secretary directed to request of them that the consent of the owner of the bulkhead between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets to the erection of the platform in front thereof, be filed in this office without delay.

A communication was received from the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, lessees of ferry premises foot of Christopher street, North river, to have the approach to the northerly ferry entrance paved or planked, as in rainy weather it is very muddy, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to have the temporary plank road from the pavement of West street to new Pier 44 raised and filling placed underneath, at a cost not exceeding $100.

A communication was received from the Fire Department, requesting permission to store temporarily about seventy-five telegraph poles at the East Seventeenth Street Yard, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the request had been granted,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Police Department, in reference to the condition of the bulkhead adjoining the Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing bill of "Roundsman" O'Brien for car fares during the month of March, 1876, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Auditing Committee.

A claim was presented by Joseph C. Brady, for extra work, etc., upon sheds erected on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to notify Mr. Lederle, Architect, to call upon the Commissioners on Friday, 24th instant, at 2½ o'clock.

A communication was received from the Police Department, as to dangerous condition of small pier between Piers 51 and 52. East river, and being read,

On motion, David Tracy, lessee, was notified that the Police Department has again complained of the dangerous condition of the pier, and requested to inform this Board if it is his intention to make the necessary repairs thereto, as required by resolution adopted by the Board 15th instant, and upon what date the work will be begun.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file :

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 18.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending November 21.

From Central Cross-town Railroad—To have roadway at Christopher Street Ferry replanked, etc.

A special report was received from Superintendent Fitzpatrick, stating that a scow loaded with stone had capsized on south side of Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the owner of the scow "Sherwood" be and he is hereby notified that the stone deposited in the slip at the south side of the Pier foot of Forty-sixth street, North river, must be removed forthwith, and that if the work be not commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, further action will be promptly had by this Board. The said stone was capsized from said scow the 18th instant.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John D. Tracy, lessee of certain wharf property owned by the Corporation, be and he is hereby notified and requested to present without delay to this Board the particulars of all claims he may have against the City or this Department under any of the leases for said property.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in reference to the proceedings taken to acquire title to parts of Piers 33 and 34, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Metropolitan Steamship Company, occupants of Pier 11, North river, to repair and rebuild such portion of the shed thereon as may be necessary to place the same in a good and safe condition ; provided that the work shall be done in accordance with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Docks for the district.

A communication was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company in reference to the occupation by this Department of a portion of Pier 49, North river, in order to proceed with the construction of the bulkhead wall, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to whether the condition of said Pier 49, North river, is such as to warrant the Department in rebuilding it.

The President reporting that by direction of the Commissioners on the 18th instant, on the application of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, new Pier 43, North river, had been appropriated, until further notice, to the sole use of the special kind of commerce carried on by the said company, and that the company could occupy said pier during the pleasure of the Board, upon terms for rent or wharfage to be hereafter fixed.

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for removing Pier 47, North river (old number), including shed, etc., and building on site a new wooden pier to be known as new Pier 39, North river), held November 23, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt and the Comptroller.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Seven proposals were received for doing the work, as follows:

No. 1.	J. & J. E. McIntire	$34,400 00
" 2.	Cronin & Dailey	33,239 00
" 3.	T. & A. Walsh	29,900 00
" 4.	Boller & Morgan	30,702 00
" 5.	Ross & Sandford	32,288 30
" 6.	J. Eugene White	32,400 00
" 7.	Alfred J. Murray	43,999 63

—and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 24, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

A communication was received from Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, stating that from an examination of the records of the Finance Department it does not appear that Thomas Walsh or Augustin Walsh, composing the firm of T. & A. Walsh, are in default or arrears to the Corporation, and being read,

On motion, the proposals received for removing old Pier 47, North river, and building new Pier 39, North river, on site thereof, were taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for removing a part of Pier 47 (old number), at the foot of Houston street, North river, and all the sheds and buildings thereon, and preparing for and building a new wooden pier on the site of said Pier 47, to be known as new Pier 39, North river, be and the same is hereby awarded to T. & A. Walsh (the firm being composed of Thos. Walsh and Augustin Walsh), of No. 77 South street, their bid for said work being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on November 23, 1876, and the Comptroller having advised that the said firm nor either of the members thereof are in default or arrears to the Corporation,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

A petition was received from Charles Devlin, for permission to open the bulkhead foot of Fortieth street, North river, as outlet for public sewer now building, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John McKim and Chas. Devlin, contractors, to open the bulkhead at foot of Fortieth street, North river, for the purpose of constructing an outlet for a sewer ; provided that the work shall be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A petition was received from Chas. A. Schermerhorn, asking that he be relieved from obtaining the consent of the owner of the bulkhead between Piers 23 and 24 to the insertion of a drain pipe therein, as provided for in resolution adopted by this Board on 1st instant, etc., and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the filing in this Department of the written consent of the owner of the bulkhead between Piers 23 and 24, East river, to the insertion therein of a drain pipe, as required under permission heretofore granted to Charles A. Schermerhorn by this Board, on the 1st instant, be and the same is hereby waived, the said owner being absent from the State and neglecting to take action in the matter, and the Health Department requiring the work to be done without further delay.

A communication was received from A. H. Green, Comptroller, requesting copies to be furnished to him of the pay-rolls of the Department for the months of June, July and August, 1872, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state, in reply to said communication, that the copies of said pay-rolls will be transmitted to him as soon as they can be prepared.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request Mr. Joseph Lederle to advise this Board of the name of the contractor or person who furnished the mooring posts and the cardinal points on new Piers 43 and 46, North river, built under contract with Jos. C. Brady, and also what space, if any, exists on either shed between the roof and the deck of the pier which is not covered with tin.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held November 29, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held November 22, 23 and 24 were read and approved.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that to repair the bulkhead adjoining the northerly side of Pier 60, East river, would require an outlay for labor and materials of $853.90, but that by using some old material now on hand this amount could be reduced in the sum of $325.50, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed with the work of said repairs in accordance with his report, using therefor such old material as may be found available.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to repairs necessary to be made to the easterly side of Pier 6, East river, adjoining the bulkhead, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Edward L. Donnelly, lessee, be and he is hereby notified to make the necessary repairs to the easterly half of Pier 6, East river, the Engineer-in-Chief reporting that the bulkhead portion thereof for a distance of 75 feet requires to be rebuilt for a depth of about 3 feet.

A sureties' agreement was received from the Comptroller, in reference to substitution of surety on proposal of T. & A. Walsh, for building new Pier 39, North river, transmitted to him for approval, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Board, having been notified of the proposed substitution, hereby consents that John C. Donnelly, of No. 822 Lexington avenue, be substituted as a surety in place of Peter McGuinness on the contract for removing part of Pier 47 (old number), North river, and sheds, etc., thereon, and building new Pier 39, North river, etc., awarded to T. & A. Walsh November 24, 1876.

A communication was received from J. F. Murray, stating that certain parties were dumping dirt into the East river on the north side of the Pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Dock Superintendent of the district directed to examine and report as to the facts of the case.

A communication was received from the Police Department as to some minor repairs needed to the bulkhead at the Department Yard, foot of East Seventeenth street, and being read, was

On motion, referred to Commissioner Westervelt to examine and report.

A communication was received from W. H. Payne and others, remonstrating against the extension of the bulkhead adjoining foot of Second avenue and Harlem river, proposed to be done by the owners thereof, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From T. & A. Walsh—Accepting award of contract for building new Pier 39, North river, etc.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending November 25.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending November 28.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to condition of Pier 49 (old number), North river.

The President, to whom was referred the communication from the Health Department dated October 31, in reference to the space opposite Nos. 377 to 383 West street, reporting that after a personal examination of the premises he concurred in the recommendation of said Department that the said space should be filled in, etc.,

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It appearing from a report made by the Sanitary Inspector of the Board of the Health Department that the sunken ground under the platform opposite Nos. 377 to 383 West street, between Morton and Barrow streets, is dangerous to health, therefore

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to remove the said platform and to cause the space under it to be filled in with good and proper filling.

The petition of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, lessee of ferry premises foot of Christopher street, North river, to have the approach to the north ferry slip paved or planked, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to lay a plank roadway from the westerly side of West street to the northerly ferry slip of said company, and to use, in constructing said roadway, the material taken from the platform removed from in front of bulkhead between Morton and Barrow streets, as ordered this day.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby empowered and directed to remove from the slip between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, all vessels now moored in said slip and to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent vessels from coming to the bulkhead in said slip.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the uses and purposes of the Department 588 cubic yards of broken stone for delivery at new

'ier 1, North river, and that his action in securing said material on November 2, 1876, at $2.20 ıer cubic yard, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, the said purchase being nade by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, .aws of 1871.

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, ɔr the uses and purposes of the Department, about 500 pine piles, not less than 76 feet in ɜngth, at a price not exceeding $11 per pile, the said purchase being made by virtue of the uthority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read and the following ction had :

Superintendent Butler directed to ascertain the owner or owners of the coal boat sunken ı the slip between Fourth and Fifth streets, East river.

Resolved, That Joseph V. Brown be and he is hereby notified to make the necessary :pairs to the Pier at foot of Twenty-third street, East river, it being reported to this Depart- .ent that a mooring-post and several spring piles have been displaced and that one of the ɔrner bands is in bad condition, and that six additional fenders are required.

Resolved, That the Police Department be and hereby is notified and respectfully ·quested to cause the immediate removal of the scow now sunk near the dumping-board at ıot of Seventeenth street, East river.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully ·quested to cause the necessary repairs to be made to the street in vicinity of the Pier at foot ' Thirty-seventh street, North river, the said premises being reported to this Department as ıved in and dangerous for travel.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 6, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

The minutes of the meeting held November 29 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Works, asking that the ıst half of Pier 32, East river, be assigned to its use during the time of constructing a sewer ı James slip, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully ıformed, in reply to his request of 4th instant for permission to use temporarily the easterly ide of Pier 32, East river, to facilitate the work of extending and altering the sewer in James lip, that this Department has no objection to such temporary occupation of said premises, ıut that said easterly side is not owned by the Corporation.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that an extension of time be granted to J. A. Bouker on his contract for building pile platform between old Piers 46 and 47, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the date for the completion of the work to be done and performed under the contract with John A. Bouker for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river, dated August 30, 1876, and expiring October 10, 1876, be and the same is hereby extended to January 15, 1877, prior to which date the provision of said contract relating to penalty for non-completion shall be void and of non-effect, the said extension of time being made consequent upon work under said contract having been suspended by order of this Board to enable work being done by the Department in the vicinity to proceed, and the temporary stoppage of the work not being detrimental to the interests of the City.

A petition was received from the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, for permission to erect a fence on the south side of Pier foot of Broome street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a fence along the southerly side of Pier 56, foot of Broome street, East river, for the protection of the property of said company, provided that the work shall be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and that the owner of said southerly side of Pier 56 shall not object to said fence being erected thereon.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Coudert Bros., attorneys—In reference to form of lease of new Pier 42, North river, for General Transatlantic Steamship Company.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 2.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending December 5.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs being made to the bulkhead foot of West Eleventh street.

Commissioner Westervelt reporting that W. H. Payne had stated to him that the owner of the bulkhead adjoining head of Second avenue and Harlem river, was driving piles and extending the line of bulkhead into the river without having obtained the consent of this Department,

On motion, Superintendent Butler was directed to stop the work of driving piles and erecting platform at the head of Second avenue, Harlem river, and report as to the facts of the case, and the Secretary directed to notify Richard H. Lane that the said work must be at once suspended, no permit having been issued therefor.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the National Steamship Company to use and occupy new Pier 43, North river, during the pleasure of this Board, and

ntil new Pier 39, North river, now in course of construction, shall be finished, the said Pier 3 being hereby appropriated to the sole use of the special kind of commerce as carried on y the said company, and that the rent for said pier is to be at the same rate per annum as is ow being paid to the Department by said company for Pier 47 (old number), North river, ı conformity with resolution of this Board adopted May 3, 1876.

The Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the Engineer-in-Chief had een directed on the 5th instant to do such dredging adjacent to new Pier 42, North river, as ill be necessary to obtain at low water a depth of 25 feet, in accordance with the agreement ıade with the General Transatlantic Steamship Company, lessees of said pier,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 13, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held December 6 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing a proposal from ose & Sanford to build a platform on the pile foundation now building between Piers 46 ıd 47 (old numbers), North river, for the sum of $2,042.44, etc., and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the offer of Ross & Sanford to build a platform upon the pile foundation now course of construction in rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), orth river, be and the same is hereby accepted, provided that they shall, within forty-eight ›urs after receipt hereof, file in this office a written agreement to do the said work under the ıpervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, in conformity with the ›ecifications heretofore prepared for similar work between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), orth river, and for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars in full payment for said work so ›nstructed and completed.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, enclosing proposals of J. A. ouker and The Morris & Cummings Dredging Company to receive, upon property owned y them, the material dredged by the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the offer of the Morris & Cummings Dredging Company to receive the redged material of this Department delivered ın the slip near the company's stationary ipper at the company's depot at Pamrapo, New Jersey, for the sum of ten (10) cents per ubic yard, be and the same is hereby accepted, to continue in force during the pleasure of his Board, and that the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department be and he is hereby directed o establish such a system of measuring said material as shall prevent payment for a larger ıuantity than shall be delivered by the Department.

A petition was received from Lieutenant Henry Metcalf, Ordnance Executive Officer United States Government Exhibition, Philadelphia, for the temporary use of the large derrick to facilitate the transfer of large guns from the railroad cars at Jersey City to barges, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the use of the derrick "City of New York" be and the same is hereby granted to facilitate the lowering of heavy ordnance of the United States Government Exhibition from the cars at Jersey City on to a transport; provided that this Department be paid $120 per day from the time the derrick shall leave present moorings until returned hereto, the Department towing the derrick to Jersey City and back; and also provided that the Department shall be fully reimbursed for any loss or damage sustained by the derrick while so employed.

A petition was received from James Udall, on behalf of the Long Island North Shore Freight and Transportation Company, for a reduction of the rent paid by said company for making landings at end of Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Long Island North Shore Freight and Transportation Company to use, during the pleasure of this Board, the outer end of the Pier at the foot of Thirty-third street, East river, as a landing only for the steamboat "Seawanhaka" or substitute boat, provided the said company shall first and within ten days after receipt hereof file in this office a written agreement to pay rent therefor in the sum of $30 per month, payable monthly in advance.

A communication was received from the Board of State Harbor Commissioners, San Francisco, requesting that it be furnished with a copy of the rules and regulations adopted by this Department, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit to said Board the rules and regulations adopted by the Department, its several annual reports, and copies of the rules and regulations of the Captain of the Port and the Harbor Masters under the State law.

A communication was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company, enclosing copy of agreement duly signed in reference to extending Pier 49, North river, 150 feet westerly, and stating that it was understood by said company that this Department is to furnish and drive the spiles at the proposed new location for the company's scales, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said company that this Department does not drive piles for such purposes, nor has it the authority so to do, and that the agreement referred to was not entered into by the Department upon the basis that such work was to be performed by it, and that said communication meantime lay upon the table.

A petition was received from George Hilliard for a lease of portion of bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, set apart for use of Street Cleaning Department, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the petitioner notified to call upon the Commissioners.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Charities and Correction to have repairs made to docks at Hart's and Blackwell's Islands, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the nature and probable cost of the repairs necessary to be made.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file :

From Finance Department—With approval of sureties to contract awarded to T. & A. Walsh.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 9.

From Superintendent Butler—As to filling in reported as being done at Twenty-eighth treet, East river.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending December 12.

From Superintendent Butler—As to reported extension of bulkhead near Second avenue nd Harlem river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table :

From Joseph Lederle—As to the tinning on sheds on new Piers 43 and 46, North river.

From Edward Donnelly, lessee—In reference to repairs ordered to be made to bulkhead t Pier 6, East river.

A petition was received from P. J. Doherty to deposit stone filling adjacent to foot of 'wenty-eighth street, East river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report the filling in be done whether it will do damage to the water-front.

On motion, the communication from J. F. Murray, stating that filling in was being done t Twenty-eighth street, East river, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A petition was received from Maltby G. Lane to extend his bulkhead adjoining head of econd avenue and Harlem river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to minor repairs necessary) be made to new Piers 42 and 46, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, lessee of new Pier 42, North ver, be and hereby is notified to repair the 2-inch horizontal tie-rod, broke consequent upon ie pier being struck by the steamer "France" on 7th instant, the work to be done under ie supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify C. L. Wright & Co. to repair the shed n new Pier 46, North river, as ordered by resolution adopted September 20, 1876, and that he custom of passing lines over the shed, and making fast to skylights, etc., must be dis-:ontinued forthwith.

The President, to whom was referred the communication from the Police Department in reference to the dangerous condition of the space adjoining the Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, reporting that he had received from the Engineer-in-Chief a report that the locality mentioned could be rendered safe for travel by placing there a backing-log about 58 feet long and a rail about 3 feet high of spruce 4 by 6, at a cost of about $21.61,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed with the work of said repairs without delay.

A report was received from Superintendent Butler, stating that the repairs which the lessee of part of Pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, was notified to make are not upon that portion of the pier leased to him, but at the outer end of the pier, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to replace the mooring post and spring-piles, repair the corner band, and furnish six new fenders for said pier.

On motion of Commissioner Dimock, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Engineer-in-Chief reports to this Board that Pier 49 (old number), North river, is in good enough condition to warrant being repaired and extended, so as to conform to the new plans, and

Whereas, Said pier is now leased to the Knickerbocker Ice Company, and said lease expires December 1, 1879, and

Whereas, Said lessee has consented to the extension of said pier on the lines of the new plan, except that the proposed extension shall be only 60 feet in width during the continuance of the lease ; therefore

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be instructed to proceed with the extension of said pier to make the same conform to the lines now laid down, except that the extension shall not be made more than 60 feet in width at the present time.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were then read, and

On motion, placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to cause the necessary repairs to be made to the street in vicinity of Pier at the foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river, the said premises having been reported to this Department as caved in and dangerous to travel.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 14, 1876 (for the purpose of opening proposals received for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers) North river.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Four proposals were received for doing the work, as follows:

1. McIntire Bros..... $7,600 00
2. Ross & Sanford..... 8,900 00

3. T. & A. Walsh..... $11,000 00
4. Holmes Bros..... 9,752 00

—and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 15, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The proposals received on the 14th instant were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file and the following resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for building wooden platform in the rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, be and the same is hereby awarded to McIntire Bros., the firm being composed of James McIntire and John E. McIntire, of No. 229 Broadway, their bid for said work being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened on December 14, 1876, and the Comptroller having advised that the said firm nor either of the members thereof are in default or arrears to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 20, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 13, 14 and 15 were read and approved.

A communication was received from Wm. R. Renwick, offering to lease for a term of fteen years the lower half of Pier 33 and upper half of Pier 34, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from Ross & Sanford, declining to build wooden platform n pile foundation being constructed between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river, and eing read,

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 15th instant, whereby the ffer of Ross & Sanford to build a platform upon the pile foundation now in course of contruction in rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river,

was accepted, be and the same is hereby altered and amended so as to make the sum to be paid by this Department for the completion of said work in the manner stated therein, two thousand and forty dollars, instead of eighteen hundred dollars.

A petition was received from F. W. J. Hurst, agent National Steamship Company, occupants of new Pier 43, North river, to have an additional gate or doorway cut in the south side of the shed on said pier, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make such additional doorway on said south side of the shed on new Pier 43, North river, in such manner as not to interfere with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings.

An opinion was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, in reference to claim of Theodore Roosevelt and others for the cost of dredging slip between Piers 9 and 10, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition of Theodore Roosevelt and others, owners of Piers 9 and 10, East river, to be reimbursed by the Department for the expense incurred by them, in the sum of $6,026.40, in dredging the slips adjacent to said piers, as required by resolution adopted by this Board on May 3, 1876, be and the same is hereby denied, the Counsel to the Corporation having advised that in his opinion the Department is not authorized by law to expend any portion of the proceeds received from the sale of "Dock Bonds of the City of New York" in dredging the slips adjacent to wharves not owned by the Corporation, nor in reimbursing the owners of wharf property who may have dredged slips adjacent to their wharves under the direction of the Department.

A communication was received from J. A. Bouker, asking that an extension of time be granted for the completion of the work of building wooden platform between Piers 45 and 46, (old numbers), North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 15th November, ultimo, extending the date for the completion of the work to be done under the contract with John A. Bouker for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 45 and 46 (old numbers), North river, dated August 30, 1876, be and the same is hereby altered and amended so as to make the 25th December, 1876, the date for the completion of said work, instead of the 15th instant, as stated in said resolution; this further extension of the contract being approved and recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief adverse to the granting of the petition of P. J. Doherty for placing filling on the water-front at Twenty-eighth street, East river, and being read,

On motion, said petition was taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the application of P. J. Doherty, for permission to dump about 100 cubic yards of stone filling on the premises of Charles L. d'Spolthoff, north of the foot of Twenty-eighth street, East river, be and the same is hereby denied, there being no retaining bulkhead thereon.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From McIntire Brothers—Accepting award of contract for building wooden platform ween Piers 47 and 48, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 18:

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending :ember 19.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed, as soon as :ticable, with the construction of the bulkhead wall between the northerly end of the wall r partly constructed between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river, and the southerly of the wall now partly donstructed between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, n the plan submitted to the Board on April 5, 1876, with the force and machinery of the artment.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to dump, during the sent season, clean snow and ice from the following named premises, to wit: All dumping-rds on the water-front, when not in use by the Police Department. On the North river—w Pier 1, at the Battery; bulkhead foot of Hoboken street, north of Pier 41; bulkhead : of Spring street, south of Pier 43; bulkhead between Charlton and Spring streets, north Pier 45; bulkhead foot of Bank street; bulkhead between West Fifty-fifth and Fifty-enth streets, and bulkhead between West Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets.

On East river—Pier 2, foot of Whitehall street; Pier 40, foot of Pike street; bulkhead : of Jackson street, and inner end of the southerly side of Pier at foot of East Twenty-third et; but the dumping of other material than clean snow and ice is strictly prohibited; and ll cases the dump must be made into the river and not upon any of the premises named ein.

Messrs. Richard H. and Maltby G. Lane appeared before the Board, in reference to the ition of the former for permission to extend a platform in front of his bulkhead on Harlem r, between Second and Third avenues, and being heard at length in reference thereto,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify Messrs. William H. Payne, W. H. well and Henry Schubert, remonstrants, to call upon the Commissioners on Friday, 22d ant, to be heard as to their reasons why the application of Mr. Lane should not be granted.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine and report as to the expedi-y of granting the permission asked for by Richard H. Lane.

A draft of tablet proposed to be placed at the outer end of new Pier 1, North river, with nes of Commissioners, Engineers, etc., was presented by the Engineer-in-Chief, and

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 21, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $16,387.23, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 27, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 20 and 21, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Police Department, stating that but a small portion of the bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, was required for its use, and that the part thereof not so used was at the disposal of this Department, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Secretary directed to request W. T. Klotz, lessee of property in the vicinity, to inform this Board if he desires to occupy temporarily the premises, and at what rate he will pay for the same.

A petition was received from John E. Walsh, offering to construct section of bulkhead wall in accordance with the new plans as adopted, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the communication from John E. Walsh, submitting proposition to build a portion of the new bulkhead wall by contract with the aid of his coffer-dam be and the same is hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report as to the merits of the proposition, and the advisability of employing the coffer-dam in the manner proposed or otherwise.

A petition was received from C. L. Wright & Co., lessees of new Pier 46, North river, for permission to insert a chimney of steam-hoisting engine in the roof of the shed on said pier, and the Secretary reporting that pursuant to the direction of the President, the consent in writing of the insurance companies holding risks on said shed had been obtained to the insertion of said chimney,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Charles L. Wright & Co., occupants of new Pier 46, North river, to insert in the roof of the shed thereon the chimney of a steam-hoisting apparatus, to remain only during the pleasure of this Board; the work to be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and in conformity with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings.

A communication was received from John Kelly, Comptroller, stating that the sureties to contract awarded to McIntire Bros. for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall ween Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, had failed to appear before him and tify, though due notice had been given to the contractors, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify McIntire Bros. to cause their sureties to ›ear before the Comptroller without further delay, to justify in the amount of security uired.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending cember 26.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to platform constructed between Twelfth and Thirteenth eets, North river, by Drew & Bucki.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 23.

From Finance Department—Returning proposals for building sheds on new Piers 43 and , North river.

From Ross & Sanford—Accepting award for building wooden platform between Piers and 47, North river.

The petition of Maltby G. Lane, for permission to extend bulkhead between Second and ıird, and the remonstrance of Messrs. W. H. Payne and others against the granting of the rmission asked for, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following preamble and olution adopted :

Whereas, Application was made by Maltby G. Lane on 13th instant, for permission to tend the platform in front of the westerly part of his premises corner of One Twenty-ninth eet and Second avenue, Harlem river, for the purpose as claimed of straightening the e of wharf facilities thereat ; and

Whereas, William H. Payne, W. H. Colwell and Henry Schubert, President of Harlem d New York Navigation Company, owners of the majority of the water-front between cond and Third avenues, Harlem river, have been heard orally and in writing in opposition the granting of such permission, claiming that such extension of the existing line of bulk-ad or platform at the present time would be not only very detrimental to the adjacent operty, but would impair the usefulness of the Pier at the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth eet and the adjacent slip, and be against public interest and public policy ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said application of Maltby G. Lane be and the same is hereby nied.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to proceed with the nstruction of the bulkhead wall southwestwardly from its present end at foot of Morton reet to the southerly side of Pier 49 (old number), North river, upon the plan submitted to ıe Board on April 5, 1876, with the force and machinery of the Department.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully requested to take immediate action in the matter of acquiring for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, the northerly half of Pier 33 and the southerly half of Pier 34, North river, in compliance with the resolution adopted by this Board on October 13, 1875, and transmitted to him that date.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed upon file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 30, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $20,706.31; and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 3, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 27 and 30 were read and approved.

A petition was received from Henry W. Johnson, for a lease of Pier 40, East river, and also that a permit be granted for the erection of a shed thereon; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Henry W. Johnson be and he is hereby advised, in reply to his communication of 3d instant, relating to the leasing of Pier 40, East river, with privilege of erecting a shed thereon to be occupied by a line of steamers employed in the fruit trade, etc., that this Board is not empowered to grant a license or authority to erect or maintain a shed on any wharf property, unless application therefor shall be made by the owner or lessee of a pier or bulkhead who shall be engaged in the business of steam transportation, and shall use and employ the said wharf property for the purpose of regularly receiving and discharging cargo thereat; and that a lease of said Pier 40 cannot be given unless regularly purchased at public sale.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the repairs necessary to : made to piers at Hart's and Blackwell's Islands, and also to the dock foot of Twenty-cth street, East river; and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to resheathe the Pier foot of Twenty-sixth :eet, East river, for a space of 35 by 38 feet, with 4-inch spruce, as recommended in his port at a cost of about $300, and the Secretary directed to advise the Department of Public harities and Correction that the repairs to the docks on the islands referred to will have to be :ferred until the spring, owing to the impracticability of transporting during the present ason the pile-driver necessary to do the work.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the use by the United States overnment of the large floating derrick, and being read, and the President reporting that ıe parties who had applied for its use, had called upon him to say that they would in a few ays pay to the Department the amount agreed upon as hire for the derrick,

On motion, the report was laid upon the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending anuary 2.

From Police Department—As to permission given for the dumping of snow from piers, etc.

From Long Island North Shore Freight and Transportation Company—Agreeing to pay :nt for use of end of Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river.

From Counsel to the Corporation—As to the right, under existing lease of the Depart-ıent, to occupy portion of Pier 49, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 30.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 10, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held January 3 were read and approved.

A communication was received from A. B. Miller, of the Committee of the Board of :rade, requesting data as to the cost of new piers built by the Department, with rentals paid ɔr same, cost of bulkhead wall, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

A communication was received from the General Transatlantic Steamship Company, essees of new Pier 42, North river, in reference to some additional bracing of the sup-ɔorts of the pier, which, in the opinion of said company, were desirable to have done, ınd being read, and the President reporting that he had directed the Engineer-in-

Chief to make an examination of said pier and report what repairs, if any, are required to be made,

On motion, the communication was laid upon the table, and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from Sanders Wilson, Document Clerk, Senate Chamber, Albany, offering to forward to this Department all printed Senate and Assembly bills, etc., for the session of 1877, for the sum of $35, postage paid, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that, by direction of the President, the offer of Mr. Wilson had been accepted,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President approved.

A report was received from Superintendent McConkey, stating that the outer end of Pier 42, East river, had been carried away by the ice, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to notify Captain Briggs, one of the owners of said pier, to call upon the Commissioners in reference to the repairing of the same.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to the merits of the coffer-dam, submitted by John E. Walsh in his plan for building bulkhead wall, etc., and stating as his opinion that for that section of the river-front where the Department is now prosecuting construction, it is not advisable to use a coffer-dam, etc., and being read,

On motion, the communication from John E. Walsh was taken from the table and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to forward to him a full copy of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief on the merits of his coffer-dam.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to strengthening new Pier 42, North river, and being read, and that officer being present, was

On motion, referred back for further information.

A communication was received from Theodore Roosevelt and others, owners of Piers 9 and 10, East river, requesting that they be relieved in future of the cost of necessary dredging in the slips adjacent to said piers, owing to the fact, so stated, that the said slips are filled up to a very large extent with dirt and refuse washed from the streets, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A petition was received from Chas. E. Murtagh, offering to pay as rent for bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, till 1st May, 1878, in the sum of $250, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the petitioner requested to call upon the Commissioners in reference to the same.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Finance—As to amount issued of Dock Bonds.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending January 6.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending January 9.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to build the extension of outer end of Pier 49 (old number), North river, ordered to be built by resolution of the board adopted 13th ultimo, of the same height, as near as may be, as that part of the pier now built and standing.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the large floating derrick had been four days in the service of the United States Government, transferring heavy guns from the railroad cars at Jersey City to barges, etc., and being read, and the President reporting the parties engaged in transferring said guns had called and stated that, owing to some temporary obstructions which they were unable to prevent, they had been unable to make use of the derrick for one of the four days while in their charge,

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to render a bill for the use of said derrick for three days instead of four days, at the rate fixed in resolution adopted 13th December, 1876.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 24, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held January 10 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, ssembly, Albany, requesting to be furnished with maps of the water-front of the City, and eing read and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President copies of such maps the water-front as have been published by the Department had been transmitted as equested,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President pproved.

A communication was received from the "City Record," to have a list furnished for pubcation of the employees of the Department of Docks, and being read, and the Secretary eporting that, by direction of the President, said list had been forwarded to the "City Record,"

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President pproved.

A communication was received from Charles E. Murtagh, offering to rent portion of bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, till May 1, 1877, and to pay rent therefor the sum of $50, and being read

On motion, this communication was placed on file and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the application of Charles E. Murtagh, for a lease of a portion of the bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, until the 1st May next, be and the same is hereby denied.

A petition was received from John A. Bouker, for additional time to complete his contract with the Department, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th December ultimo, extending the date for the completion of the work to be done under the contract with John A. Bouker for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river, dated August 30, 1876, be and the same is hereby altered and amended so as to make the 15th day of February, 1877, the date for the completion of said work instead of the 15th instant, as stated in said resolution, this further extension of the contract being approved and recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to damage done to new Pier 46, North river, by steamship "California" of the Anchor Line, and stating that the agents of said line were desirous of having said repairs made by this Department and that they would pay the cost thereof, estimated at about $50, and being read

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the said repairs in accordance with his report, and the Secretary, when said repairs shall be completed, to send to the owners of said steamship a bill for the expense incurred.

A communication was received from the Adriatic Insurance Company, in reference to reinsurance expiring on the 25th instant, upon the derrick "City of New York," and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

A communication was received from John A. Bouker, agreeing to remove from the foot of Twenty-ninth street, East river, such stone as may be deposited there by P. J. Dougherty, and the President reporting that upon the receipt of said agreement from Mr. Bouker, he had granted to Mr. Dougherty permission to place stone on said premises,

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that a reduction be made in the rate of wages paid to blacksmiths and helpers employed by the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the rates of pay or wages for the following employees of the Department are adopted and established, in compliance with his recommendation of 22d instant, to take effect from and after 3d proximo, not inclusive, to wit :

For Blacksmiths, at 37½ cents per hour.

For Blacksmiths' helpers, at 25 cents per hour.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, in reference to a claim preferred by William F. Godfrey, lately employed as Watchman in this Department, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Finance Department, advising that during the period the said Godfrey was in the service of this Depart-

ment, he was allowed the full rate of pay established by this Board for the service rendered, and that all compensation due him was regularly from time to time every two weeks certified o by the Commissioners upon pay-rolls of the Department, all of which have been transmitted o the Finance Department for payment.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, giving details of the loss of ip-rap stone by the sinking of the scow "May," and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Mr. J. A. Bouker, contractor for furnishing Department with stone, notified to call upon the President in reference to the stone lost as above.

A communication was received from Slocovick & Co., agents for bark "Augusta Quinta," n reference to damage sustained, etc., to the extent of $20, and being read and it appearing rom a report made by the Engineer-in-Chief, that the tug "Manhattan" did do damage to ne of the lines of said bark, still it was not the fault of said tug, but owing to the want of roper notice not being given by the person in charge of said bark as to the position of their ines, etc.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said agents that as the Commissioners re at present informed this Department is not liable for the damage claimed, but will consider any evidence which they may have to submit to substantiate the claim presented.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief enclosing form of proposal and contract for furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the form of proposal and contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for furnishing said material, inserted in the papers designated by law.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during weeks ending January 13 and 20.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for weeks ending January 16 and 23.

From Board of Commissioners of Pilots—In reference to penalties for throwing refuse into slips on the water-front.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and authorized to allow a reduction to be made from the rent of $2,125 now due this Department under the assignment made December 14, 1874, of lease held by the Palisades Ferry Company for wharf premises foot of Spring street, North river, of the sum of $864, being the amount of expense incurred by said company in repairing damage to its boat, caused by the work of the Department proceeding in the immediate vicinity of said premises.

A communication was received from the Finance Department requesting to be informed the issuing of a grant of land under water between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 21, 1876.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills, amounting in the whole to the sum of $16,387.23, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 27, 1876.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 20 and 21, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Police Department, stating that but a small portion of the bulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, was required for its use, and that the part thereof not so used was at the disposal of this Department, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table and the Secretary directed to request W. T. Klotz, lessee of property in the vicinity, to inform this Board if he desires to occupy temporarily the premises, and at what rate he will pay for the same.

A petition was received from John E. Walsh, offering to construct section of bulkhead wall in accordance with the new plans as adopted, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the communication from John E. Walsh, submitting proposition to build a portion of the new bulkhead wall by contract with the aid of his coffer-dam be and the same is hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report as to the merits of the proposition, and the advisability of employing the coffer-dam in the manner proposed or otherwise.

A petition was received from C. L. Wright & Co., lessees of new Pier 46, North river, for permission to insert a chimney of steam-hoisting engine in the roof of the shed on said pier, and the Secretary reporting that pursuant to the direction of the President, the consent in writing of the insurance companies holding risks on said shed had been obtained to the insertion of said chimney,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Charles L. Wright & Co., occupants of new Pier 46, North river, to insert in the roof of the shed thereon the chimney of a steam-hoisting apparatus, to remain only during the pleasure of this Board; the work to be done under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and in conformity with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings.

A communication was received from John Kelly, Comptroller, stating that the sureties to ıe contract awarded to McIntire Bros. for building wooden platform in rear of bulkhead wall :tween Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, had failed to appear before him and ıstify, though due notice had been given to the contractors, and being read,

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From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 23.

From Finance Department—Returning proposals for building sheds on new Piers 43 and 6, North river.

From Ross & Sanford—Accepting award for building wooden platform between Piers 6 and 47, North river.

The petition of Maltby G. Lane, for permission to extend bulkhead between Second and 'hird, and the remonstrance of Messrs. W. H. Payne and others against the granting of the ermission asked for, was

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At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 3, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held December 27 and 30 were read and approved.

A petition was received from Henry W. Johnson, for a lease of Pier 40, East river, and also that a permit be granted for the erection of a shed thereon; and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Henry W. Johnson be and he is hereby advised, in reply to his communication of 3d instant, relating to the leasing of Pier 40, East river, with privilege of erecting a shed thereon to be occupied by a line of steamers employed in the fruit trade, etc., that this Board is not empowered to grant a license or authority to erect or maintain a shed on any wharf property, unless application therefor shall be made by the owner or lessee of a pier or bulkhead who shall be engaged in the business of steam transportation, and shall use and employ the said wharf property for the purpose of regularly receiving and discharging cargo thereat; and that a lease of said Pier 40 cannot be given unless regularly purchased at public sale.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the repairs necessary to be made to piers at Hart's and Blackwell's Islands, and also to the dock foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river; and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to resheathe the Pier foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, for a space of 35 by 38 feet, with 4-inch spruce, as recommended in his report at a cost of about $300, and the Secretary directed to advise the Department of Public Charities and Correction that the repairs to the docks on the islands referred to will have to be deferred until the spring, owing to the impracticability of transporting during the present season the pile-driver necessary to do the work.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the use by the United States Government of the large floating derrick, and being read, and the President reporting that the parties who had applied for its use, had called upon him to say that they would in a few days pay to the Department the amount agreed upon as hire for the derrick,

On motion, the report was laid upon the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion placed on file.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending January 2.

From Police Department—As to permission given for the dumping of snow from piers, etc.

From Long Island North Shore Freight and Transportation Company—Agreeing to pay rent for use of end of Pier foot of Thirty-third street, East river.

From Counsel to the Corporation—As to the right, under existing lease of the Department, to occupy portion of Pier 49, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending December 30.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 10, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held January 3 were read and approved.

A communication was received from A. B. Miller, of the Committee of the Board of Trade, requesting data as to the cost of new piers built by the Department, with rentals paid for same, cost of bulkhead wall, etc., and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President.

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On motion, the communication was laid upon the table, and the action of the President approved.

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The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Finance—As to amount issued of Dock Bonds.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending January 6.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending January 9.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby directed to build the extension ' outer end of Pier 49 (old number), North river, ordered to be built by resolution of the ɔard adopted 13th ultimo, of the same height, as near as may be, as that part of the pier ɔw built and standing.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that the large floating derrick ıd been four days in the service of the United States Government, transferring heavy guns om the railroad cars at Jersey City to barges, etc., and being read, and the President ;porting the parties engaged in transferring said guns had called and stated that, owing to ɔme temporary obstructions which they were unable to prevent, they had been unable to ıake use of the derrick for one of the four days while in their charge,

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to render a bill for the use of said derrick for ıree days instead of four days, at the rate fixed in resolution adopted 13th December, 1876.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents being read, were

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held January 24, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held January 10 were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, ıssembly, Albany, requesting to be furnished with maps of the water-front of the City, and eing read and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President copies of such maps f the water-front as have been published by the Department had been transmitted as equested,

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President pproved.

A communication was received from the "City Record," to have a list furnished for pub- cation of the employees of the Department of Docks, and being read, and the Secretary eporting that, by direction of the President, said list had been forwarded to the "City Record,"

On motion, the communication was placed on file and the action of the President pproved.

A communication was received from Charles E. Murtagh, offering to rent portion of bulk- ead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, till May 1, 1877, and to pay rent therefor the sum f $50, and being read

On motion, this communication was placed on file and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the application of Charles E. Murtagh, for a lease of a portion of the ulkhead between Piers 60 and 61, East river, until the 1st May next, be and the same is ıereby denied.

A petition was received from John A. Bouker, for additional time to complete his contract with the Department, and being read

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th December ultimo, extending the date for the completion of the work to be done under the contract with John A. Bouker for building pile foundation for platform in rear of bulkhead wall between Piers 46 and 47 (old numbers), North river, dated August 30, 1876, be and the same is hereby altered and amended so as to make the 15th day of February, 1877, the date for the completion of said work instead of the 15th instant, as stated in said resolution, this further extension of the contract being approved and recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief as to damage done to new Pier 46, North river, by steamship "California" of the Anchor Line, and stating that the agents of said line were desirous of having said repairs made by this Department and that they would pay the cost thereof, estimated at about $50, and being read

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the said repairs in accordance with his report, and the Secretary, when said repairs shall be completed, to send to the owners of said steamship a bill for the expense incurred.

A communication was received from the Adriatic Insurance Company, in reference to reinsurance expiring on the 25th instant, upon the derrick "City of New York," and being read, was

On motion, referred to the President, with power.

A communication was received from John A. Bouker, agreeing to remove from the foot of Twenty-ninth street, East river, such stone as may be deposited there by P. J. Dougherty, and the President reporting that upon the receipt of said agreement from Mr. Bouker, he had granted to Mr. Dougherty permission to place stone on said premises.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and the communication placed on file.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that a reduction be made in the rate of wages paid to blacksmiths and helpers employed by the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the rates of pay or wages for the following employees of the Department are adopted and established, in compliance with his recommendation of 22d instant, to take effect from and after 3d proximo, not inclusive, to wit:

For Blacksmiths, at 37½ cents per hour.

For Blacksmiths' helpers, at 25 cents per hour.

A communication was received from the Finance Department, in reference to a claim preferred by William F. Godfrey, lately employed as Watchman in this Department, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Finance Department, advising that during the period the said Godfrey was in the service of this Depart-

ent, he was allowed the full rate of pay established by this Board for the service rendered, ıd that all compensation due him was regularly from time to time every two weeks certified by the Commissioners upon pay-rolls of the Department, all of which have been transmitted the Finance Department for payment.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, giving details of the loss of ɔ-rap stone by the sinking of the scow "May," and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and Mr. J. A. Bouker, contractor for furnishing Depart-ent with stone, notified to call upon the President in reference to the stone lost as above.

A communication was received from Slocovick & Co., agents for bark "Augusta Quinta," reference to damage sustained, etc., to the extent of $20, and being read and it appearing om a report made by the Engineer-in-Chief, that the tug "Manhattan" did do damage to ıe of the lines of said bark, still it was not the fault of said tug, but owing to the want of roper notice not being given by the person in charge of said bark as to the position of their nes, etc.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said agents that as the Commissioners re at present informed this Department is not liable for the damage claimed, but will con-der any evidence which they may have to submit to substantiate the claim presented.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief enclosing form of proposal ıd contract for furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the form of proposal and contract as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief ır furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall be and the same is hereby approved ıd adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of lank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for furnishing said aterial, inserted in the papers designated by law.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during weeks ending January 13 and ɔ.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for weeks ending ınuary 16 and 23.

From Board of Commissioners of Pilots—In reference to penalties for throwing refuse ıto slips on the water-front.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and authorized to allow a eduction to be made from the rent of $2,125 now due this Department under the assignment ade December 14, 1874, of lease held by the Palisades Ferry Company for wharf premises foot of Spring street, North river, of the sum of $864, being the amount of expense incurred y said company in repairing damage to its boat, caused by the work of the Department pro-eding in the immediate vicinity of said premises.

A communication was received from the Finance Department requesting to be informed the issuing of a grant of land under water between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One

Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets to the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb would in any way interfere with the work of this Department, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that there appears to have been approved or issued, as this Department is advised, such a grant under an application dated June 30, 1853, and that if such grant has been issued this Board is of the opinion that no action in the premises need be had by this Department, and will await being advised from said Department whether such a grant is in force before taking further steps in the matter.

A communication was received from John Kelly, Comptroller, as to application of Josiah Macy's Sons for a water grant of land under water between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, Harlem river, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully informed in reply to his communication dated 23d instant, inquiring if there is any change to be made in the requirements proposed for the issuing of a grant of land under water between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, Harlem river, to Josiah Macy's Sons, under application dated January 14, 1873, that in the opinion of the Commissioners the stipulation contained in the resolution adopted by this Board on July 14, 1875, and transmitted to the Finance Department that date, fully protect the interests of the City so far as the proposed permanent improvement of the water-front is concerned, and that the lines or such permanent improvement of the water-front in the vicinity of said premises were fixed by this Department and transmitted on or about March 23, 1872, to the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for adoption or rejection, as required by subdivision 3, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, but that this Board is not advised nor aware of any action having been taken thereon.

A communication was received from the Central Railroad Company of Georgia, occupants of Pier 43, North river, requesting information in reference to the rebuilding of said pier, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to advise said company that it is not the present intention of the Commissioners to rebuild the said pier in the immediate future, and that the plans adopted for the rebuilding of the new pier do not diminish the berthing facilities offered by the existing pier.

A communication was received from John E. Walsh in reference to the use of his coffer-dam for building bulkhead wall, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in reference to strengthening new Pier 42, North river, and recommending that some additional piles be driven at the outer end, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to drive along the 100 feet of the outer end of Pier 42 (new number), North river, ten bracing piles, at a cost of about $600.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That statements of the amount of rent due and remaining unpaid under the several leases of wharf property made to David Tracy, be at once prepared and transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation, and that the said Counsel be and he is hereby respectfully

requested and instructed to commence proceedings without delay against the respective sureties to each of said leases for the amount of rent now remaining unpaid and due thereunder, as per said statements, and for such further amount as may accrue prior to the termination of such proceedings and remain unpaid at that date.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of Board of Docks, held January 31, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting held January 24, was

On motion, dispensed with.

A petition was received from the Screw Dock Company, for permission to extend their small dock between Piers 39 and 40, East river, and being read, was

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A petition was received from Phelps Bros. & Co., for permission to erect a shed on Pier 11, East river, leased by them, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the agents of the White Star Line, requesting that this Department replace a chafing pile on their dock leased from the City, and they would reimburse the Department for the expense incurred, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify said agents that the Commissioners are not authorized nor have they the right to employ the force of the Department upon work required by the provisions of the lease under which the wharf property is occupied, to be done by the lessees.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to certain repairs to the shed covering Pier 46, North river, which the occupants, C. L. Wright & Co., had neglected to make, as directed by this Board, and being read,

On motion, C. L. Wright & Co. were directed to replace the broken cornice on said shed on Pier 46 (new number), North river, as required by resolution of September 20, 1876, without further delay.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From John Kelly, Comptroller—As to application for grant for land under water between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets, North river.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending January 30.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending January 27.

From Common Council—In reference to conference of heads of several Departments monthly.

A communication was received from the People's Ferry Company, as to rent due from E. W. Youmans, for use of portion of old Pier 42, North river, and being read, and Messrs. Youmans & Goetchins being heard at length in reference to the same,

On motion, the communication was placed on file.

A petition was received from Henry W. Johnson, in reference to purchasing a lease of Pier 40, East river, whenever it should be sold at auction, and if purchased by a steamship company as to whether permission would be granted by this Department to cover a portion or the whole of said pier with a shed, etc., and being read, and the President reporting that he had informed Mr. Johnson that all applications for permits must be made by the parties directly in interest,

On motion, the petition was placed on file.

The President here reported that, as requested by the Board at its last meeting, he had effected policies of insurance against fire on the floating derrick "City of New York" to the amount of $75,000, expiring January 25, 1878, at 70/100 of one per cent. less 10 per cent., the following companies having accepted the risk in the sum of $5,000 each, to wit:

Importers and Traders' Insurance Company.

Resolute Fire Insurance Company.

American Exchange Fire Insurance Company.

Jefferson Insurance Company.

The Nassau Fire Insurance Company.

Lorillard Insurance Company.

Lenox Fire Insurance Company.

Ridgewood Insurance Company, of Brooklyn.

Pacific Fire Insurance Company.

Adriatic Fire Insurance Company.

Clinton Fire Insurance Company.

American Fire Insurance Company.

Mechanics and Traders' Fire Insurance Company.

Guarantee Fire Insurance Company, and

Guardian Fire Insurance Company.

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 7, 1877.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meetings held January 24 and 31 were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

From Taylor & Fowler—Protesting against erection of a shed on Pier 11, East river.

From John Kelly, Comptroller—In reference to issuing a grant for land under water between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets, North river.

From George W. Blunt—In reference to opinion of Counsel to the Corporation as to powers of Department of Docks.

A petition was received from Thomas Cornell & Co., for a lease of the upper half of Pier 34 (old number), North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That D. D. & Tunis Smith, occupants during the pleasure of this Board of the northerly half of Pier 34 (old number), North river, be and they are hereby informed and notified that unless the rent now accrued and due to the 1st instant and remaining unpaid, for the use of said premises at the rate set forth in the lease, which expired on May 1, 1876, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of this Board on or before the 19th of February, 1877, at 3 o'clock P. M., that then this Department will dispossess the said occupants and take possession of the said premises without further notice.

A petition was received from the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, to erect an open shed on the bulkhead between Piers 13 and 14, North river, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that on the 3d instant, by direction of the Commissioners, permission had been granted to said company to erect on said premises an open shed 100 feet by 40 feet, to be used and occupied for the business of said company, to be constructed in conformity with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, and to remain only during the pleasure of this Department, the easterly front of said shed not to extend eastwardly beyond the west line of West street, as now existing; the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was approved, and the petition placed on file.

A communication was received from Chas. L. Wright & Co., as to repairs ordered to be made by them to the shed on new Pier 46, North river, and stating that it is useless to make said repairs unless spring piles shall be driven alongside of the pier to protect said shed, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report the cost of making the improvement, and if it is necessary in order to protect said shed.

A communication was received from Carpenter & Hunt, in reference to use of pier foot of Sixty-first street, East river, claimed to be owned by Jeremiah Towle, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to inform the petitioners that as at present advised, the Commissioners are of the opinion that the Corporation has no title to the said premises, it being said to be vested in Jeremiah Towle.

A communication was received from Superintendent McConkey, stating that there was an office and a quantity of stevedore skids encumbering the bulkhead between Piers 17 and 18, East river, which the owners thereof had refused to remove from said premises, and being read,

On motion, Superintendent McConkey was directed to remove the office and skids complained of to the Corporation Yard.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending February 3.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending February 6.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Opinion as to powers of the Department in reference to refuse, etc., thrown into slips.

From Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to lease to the General Transatlantic Steamship Company to new Pier 42, North river.

From Transatlantic Steamship Company—In reference to lease of new Pier 42, North river.

A communication was received from Hon. Smith Ely, Jr., Mayor, in reference to a conference with the heads of the several departments of the City Government, to be held at his office on Wednesday, 7th instant, at 12 o'clock, and being read, and the President reporting that in compliance with said invitation he had attended said meeting, and which had adjourned to meet on the 10th instant,

On motion, said communication was placed on file.

The President here reported that Captain Briggs, on behalf of the owners of Pier 42, East river, had called upon him in reference to the rebuilding of the outer end of the pier consequent upon being damaged by floating ice, and desired that said outer end should be rebuilt upon the block and bridge plan, etc.

On motion, Commissioner Westervelt was requested to examine and report upon the expediency of having the pier rebuilt upon that plan.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have prepared a list of piers and bulkheads which will be not rented on the 1st of May next, in order that leases for the same may be advertised to be sold at public auction.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 8, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The communication of John Kelly, Comptroller, in reference to the issuing of a grant of land under water between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets, North river, was

On motion, taken from the files of the Executive Committee and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully informed in reply to his communication dated 23d ultimo, asking if the issuing of a grant of land under water in front of the premises owned by the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, between One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets, on the Hudson river, application for which is now before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, will interfere with the plans of this Department, that this Board has no objection to the issuing of such a grant, nor will it interfere with the said plans, provided that the westerly limit of said grant shall not be beyond the bulkhead line of the Park Department, as established by law in 1868, and as shown by tracing transmitted herewith, and that a clause be inserted in said grant to the effect, that in case the City shall at any time require any of said premises for its own use as a street, or for the proposed permanent improvement of the water-front, or for any future improvement which may be decided upon, no charge shall be made to the City for any part so required, nor for the cost of any improvement or structures thereon or damage thereto.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals received for furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall), held February 9, 1877.

Present—Commissioners Wales and Westervelt, and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Eight proposals were received for furnishing the material, as follows, viz. :

No. 1. David Tillson, 62 cents per cubic foot.

No. 2. Joseph Brennan, 80 cents.

No. 3. Nolan & McGrath, 72 cents.

No. 4. Robt. L. Darragh, 78 cents.

No. 5. John Hogan, 83 cents.

No. 6. Bay State Granite Company, 74½ cents.

No. 7. Peirce, Rowe & Co., 69 cents, and

No. 8. Francis H. Smith, 68 94-100 cents per cubic foot.

and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 9, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The proposals this day received for furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall, were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing granite stones for bulkhead or river wall be and the same is hereby awarded to Davis Tillson, of Rockland, Maine, his bid for said work being the lowest under proposals publicly opened 9th February, 1877, and the Comptroller having advised that he is not in default or arrears to the Corporation,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare, in proper form, the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

The petition of the Screw Dock Company, for permission to extend their small dock between Piers 39 and 40, East river, and erect a shed thereon, was

On motion, taken from the files of the Executive Committee and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted ;

Resolved, That the application of the Screw Dock Company, for permission to erect an extension southerly from the outer end of the company's dock between Piers 39 and 40, East river, be and the same is hereby denied, the plans adopted for the permanent improvement of the water-front not providing for the erection of a pier in that locality.

The communication from G. W. Blunt, of Board of Commissioners of Pilots, in reference to the powers of this Department to impose fines for throwing refuse into the slips of the City, etc., was

On motion, taken from the file of the Executive Committee and placed on file, and the Secretary directed to state in reply, that in view of the fact of the Counsel to the Corporation having given his opinion in writing to the effect that the power to prevent ashes, etc., from being thrown into the slips or upon wharf property on the water-front, is vested in this Department by the Laws of the State, the Commissioners of Docks feel it would hardly be necessary to apply to the Legislature for additional powers, particularly after being advised that the existing powers in the premises are ample, and also that the Department will endeavor to remedy the evil complained of by the adoption of proper rules and regulations, and rigidly enforcing the same.

On motion, Messrs. Phelps Bros. were notified to call upon the Commissioners on the 12th instant, at 12 o'clock M., in reference to their application for permission to erect a shed upon Pier 12, East river.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board ot Docks, held February 14, 1877.

Present—Commissioners Westervelt and Dimock.

Absent—Commissioner Wales.

The President being absent,

On motion, Commissioner Westervelt took the chair.

A petition was received from S. A. Frost, on behalf of the owners of the east side of Pier 23, East river, to have the Department dredge the slip adjacent thereto at its expense, as the premises are constantly being filled up with street dirt and refuse from Fulton Fish Market, etc., and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from H. W. Johnson, Harbor Master, in reference to a boat load of stone which had capsized in the slip between Piers 6 and 7, East river, and the Secretary reporting that the Dock Superintendent had notified the owner of said stone to have the same at once removed, which he had promised to do,

On motion, the communication was laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, stating that McIntire Bros., contractors for building wooden platform in rear of the bulkhead wall between Piers 47 and 48 (old numbers), North river, had not commenced work, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request said contractors to advise without delay why the work under their contract had not been proceeded with, and upon what date they purpose to begin ; the terms of the contract requiring that the work should commence within ten days after it is signed.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during the week ending February 10.

From David Tillson—Accepting award of contract for furnishing granite stones.

From John Kelly, Comptroller—Advising that Davis Tillson is not in default to the Corporation.

A communication was received from the Captain of the Port in reference to the application of Phelps Bros., for a lease of Pier 40, East river, and permission to erect shed thereon, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to the Captain of the Port, stating that the Commissioners have under consideration an application for permission to erect and maintain on Pier 40, East river, a shed for the protection of property to be received and discharged (by steam transportation), thereat, and as section 3 of chapter 249, Laws of 1875, makes it unlawful to erect such shed under the provisions of the act, if the said Pier 40 "has heretofore been used for the loading and discharging of sailing vessels regularly employed in foreign commerce, and having a draft of more than eighteen

fee of water," and also requesting him to advise this Board in writing whether the said has heretofore been so used and occupied.

The Secretary reporting that on the 10th instant, by direction of the President, Wi[illegible] K. Thornton, Night Watchman at the Department Office, had been removed, and Hugh [illegible] patrick appointed in his place,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 21, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meetings held February 7, 8, 9 and 14, were read and approved.

A petition was received from George W. Powe & Co., for permission to drive piles a[illegible] repair their dumping-board at the foot of Forty-ninth street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to George W. Powe & Co., lessees and occupants of the dumping-board at foot of Forty-ninth street, East river, to drive piles and do such other work as may be necessary to repair the damage caused by the ice or otherwise, the work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of the district.

A petition was received from H. S. Gillespie, to replace fender piles at the bulkhead adjoining northerly side of Pier 62, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted, to drive along the bulkhead adjacent to the northerly side of Pier 62, East river, such fender piles as may be necessary to replace those now worn out, the work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of the district.

A petition was received from the New York Floating Dry Dock Company, to be allowed to rebuild the outer end of Pier 42, East river, upon the block and bridge plan, and being read, and Commissioner Westervelt reporting that as requested by the Board he had examined into the subject and could see no objection to the work being done in the manner proposed, etc.,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York Floating Dry Dock Company, to drive piles and do all other work necessary to rebuild Pier 42, East river, the outer end having been carried away by the ice on the 8th ultimo, with the privilege of rebuilding the said outer end upon the crib or block plan, the rule prohibiting construction upon that plan adopted by the Board on December 4, 1873 being hereby suspended in this instance; provided, that the said work shall be done by contract, to be awarded upon specifications and plans approved by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, at a cost not exceeding $6,000; that the work shall be done under the supervision of that officer, and that a copy

of the contract duly executed shall be filed in this office before the repairs are commenced; and be it further

Resolved, That upon the completion of such work to the satisfaction and approval of the said Engineer-in-Chief, this Department will audit and transmit to the Finance Department for payment, the claim of the said company in the sum of one-ninth part of the amount of the cost and expense of rebuilding said pier as set forth in the said contract; the Corporation of the City of New York being vested with one-ninth of the title of said pier.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, stating that Samuel W. Berne, lessee of old Pier 51, North river, had commenced a suit for damages against the City, consequent upon his being deprived of the use of said premises while the Department was proceeding with its work of improving the water-front at that point, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to furnish to the Counsel to the Corporation such data and information as the Department may possess, in reference to the occupation of said pier, for the purpose of proceeding with the work under the new plans.

A petition was received from F. Habkemeier, lessee of bulkheads foot of Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, North river, to have repairs made thereto by the Department, his collections from said premises being too limited to admit of his making said repairs at his own cost, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the petitioner directed to call upon the President in reference to his petition.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to damage done to new Pier 46, North river, by the steamship "Britannic" of the White Star Line, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company be and they are hereby notified to repair the damage to new Pier 46, North river, recently caused by the White Star Line of steamers, it being reported to this Board that the southerly iron mooring-post is out of place and injured, and that the backing-log near the end of the pier is started, and one of the fender-chocks destroyed; the repairs to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, as to the necessity of having proper fenders for the protection of the shed on new Pier 46, North river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Charles L. Wright & Co., lessees and occupants of new Pier 46, North river, be and they are hereby notified that in berthing steamships at the said pier hereafter, they will be required to use on each side thereof two roller fenders, in order to prevent further damage to the shed thereon.

A communication was received from the Board Harbor Commissioners, New Haven, Connecticut, advising that a series of maps of the harbor had been forwarded to this Department, etc, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to acknowledge receipt of said maps and convey to the said Board of Commissioners the thanks of this Board for their kind consideration.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From John Kelly, Comptroller—Approving of sureties to contract of Davis Tillson for granite.

From Counsel to the Corporation—In reference to approval of form of contracts submitted to him.

From McIntire Brothers, contractors—As to commencing work on platform between Piers 47 and 48, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to work performed during week ending February 17.

From Treasurer of Board of Docks—As to receipts and disbursements for week ending February 20.

The Treasurer reporting that D. D. & T. Smith had paid their rent for the northerly half of Pier 34, North river (old number), up to November 1 last only, and that the rent due February 1, instant, still remains unpaid,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That D. D. & Tunis Smith, occupants during the pleasure of this Board of the northerly half of Pier 34 (old number), North river, be and they are hereby informed and notified that unless the balance of the rent now remaining unpaid, and which should have been paid to the Department on the 19th instant, under the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th instant, shall be paid over in full to the Treasurer of this Board on or before the 8th day of March, 1877, at 3 o'clock P. M., that then the Department will dispossess the said occupants and take possession of said premises without further notice or delay.

A form of proposal and contract was submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief for furnishing 5,000 barrels Portland cement, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the form of proposal and contract, as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for furnishing 5,000 barrels of Portland cement, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to have a sufficient number of blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting proposals for furnishing the material, inserted in the papers designated by law.

A copy of a resolution adopted by the Common Council, requesting that this Department should furnish a list of the employees, their residence, and compensation paid for their services, together with a detailed account of the expenditures of the Department from its organization in 1873, etc., was received, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have the desired information furnished at the earliest moment practicable.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of bills amounting in the whole to the sum of $8,054.30, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

The petition of S. A. Frost, agent for the owners of the east side of Pier 23, East river, was

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the petition of the owners of the easterly half of Pier 23, East river, to have the adjacent slip dredged by the Department, be and the same is hereby denied, this Board not being authorized by law to expend any portion of the proceeds received from the sale of Dock Bonds of the City of New York in dredging slips adjacent to wharves not owned by the Corporation.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That leases of the following piers and bulkheads for the terms from May 1, 1877, as stated below, subject to the usual covenants and conditions, except that rents are to be paid quarterly in advance, be disposed of at public auction to the bidder who shall offer as rent therefor the largest sum over and above the amounts fixed herein for each separate parcel of wharf property :

North half of Pier 34 (old number), North river	1 year	$6,000 00
North half of Pier foot of Thirteenth street, North river	3 years	800 00
Pier foot of Sixteenth street, North river	3 "	800 00
Bulkhead foot of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, North river	3 "	.....
Pier foot of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, North river	3 "	.....
Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river	3 "	.....
Pier foot of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, North river	3 "	.....
Pier 40, East river, and half of bulkhead adjoining east side	5 "	5,000 00
Northerly half of Pier 62, foot of Stanton street, East river	3 "	800 00
Bulkhead on Tompkins street, about 188 feet in length, adjacent to north side of Pier at Rivington street	3 "	250 00
Bulkhead foot of Thirty-second street, East river	3 "	.....
Bulkhead foot of Thirty-fifth street, East river	3 "	.....
Bulkhead foot of Thirty-sixth street, East river	3 "	.....

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to make arrangements with Bernard Smythe, auctioneer, for the sale of the above leases, and cause notices of said proposed sale to be inserted in the papers designated by law.

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all of the leases for such of the above wharf property as may be disposed of, when prepared in proper form and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation.

A petition was received from the Police Department to have dredging done at the dumping-boards at Piers foot of Twelfth and Thirty-seventh streets, North river, and being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the necessity of doing the work.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify J. A. Bouker to attend, with his foreman, on Friday, 23d instant, at 2½ o'clock, in reference to sinking of scow "May," laden with stone, etc.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held February 23, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting held February 21, was

On motion, dispensed with.

On motion, Wm. R. Renwick was requested to call upon the Commissioners on Tuesday, 27th instant, in reference to his application for a lease of parts of Piers 33 and 34, North river.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to address a communication to the Counsel to the Corporation advising him that on or about the 1st June, 1875, a proposition and offer was made by this Department to the Erie Railway Company, as shown by resolution adopted by the Board on the July 14, 1875, to lease a certain 560 feet of bulkhead on the North river in the vicinity of Chambers street, to be constructed upon the line adopted, and two new piers for a term of ten years at $95,000 per annum, with two renewals of ten years each at advanced rentals, etc., and that at the time the negotiations for the lease were commenced the Erie Railway was a solvent corporation, but that since that date the affairs of the said company have passed into the hands of a receiver and so continue at present, and also that the work of improvement has not yet been commenced by this Board, and also that this Board entertains doubts as to the power or right of the receiver of said railway company to negotiate for such a lease, etc., and requesting said Counsel to the Corporation to give his opinion in writing as to the proper course for this Board to adopt in order to secure and protect all the interests of the Corporation in the premises, to the fullest extent possible.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks held February 28, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting February 21, instant, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Board of Aldermen—Resolution relative to filling-in of Little Hell Gate.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending February 27, 1877.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending February 24 1877.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table and action taken as stated.

From New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company—Petition for additional ferry-slip north of the Grand Street Ferry, East river. Petitioners to call on President.

From Oceanic Steam Navigation Company—Application for permission to lay rails on new Pier 45, North river, for use by steam freight cars. Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report as to strength of pier for such uses.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Relative to outlet sewer at foot of Clarkson street, North river, proposed by Department of Public Works. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, and Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, lessees of Pier 48, invited to meet Commissioners.

From Superintendent Fitzpatrick—Report relative to dredging at bulkhead between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, ordered by Board on November 8, 1876; the owner invited to call on President.

From Edgar W. Youmans—Application for permission to place a gate at inner end of Pier 42 (old number), North river; the Commissioners to visit the premises.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of wages paid by private parties to Captains and Engineers of pile-drivers, etc.

Forms of specifications for contracts for furnishing small cobble, rip-rap and broken stone and sand were submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the forms of specifications, as prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief, for furnishing small cobble, rip-rap and broken stone and sand, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have the proper blank forms of proposals printed, and advertisements inviting bids for furnishing the material, inserted in newspapers as designated by law.

The weekly reports of the Dock Superintendents were read, and

On motion, placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report cost of making necessary repairs to the following premises, reported in bad condition:

On North river—

North side and outer end of Pier 34 (old number).

On East river—

Bulkhead between Piers 40 and 41.

Bulkhead at foot of Thirty-second street.

North side and end of Pier 62.

North side of Pier at foot of Twenty-third street.

On Harlem river—

Pier at foot of One Hundred and Sixth street.

Bulkhead at end of Second avenue.

—and to place proper mooring cleats on the bulkheads at foot of Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets, East river.

On motion, the Superintendents were directed to furnish a list of all bulkheads and other wharf property, in their respective districts, owned by the Corporation and not subject to lease at the present time.

The petition received from Frederick Habkemeier, at meeting held 21st instant, in relation to Piers at foot of Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, North river, was

On motion, taken from the table, and the petitioner being present and stating that it was entirely beyond his power to make the repairs required to place the Pier at foot of Sixteenth street, North river, in a serviceable condition, as he had not the means to do so, but that he was willing to surrender his lease of said pier,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Frederick Habkemeier, purchaser at public sale held April 22, 1875, of lease of Pier at foot of Sixteenth street, North river, for three years from May 1, 1875, at $825 per annum, be and he is hereby notified that the Department consents to and hereby accepts the surrender, on his part, of the said lease from and after the 1st March, 1877, upon which date the Department will take repossession of the said pier.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to examine the condition of said Pier at foot of Sixteenth street and report cost of making necessary repairs.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to include the lease of said Pier at foot of Sixteenth street in the public sale ordered at meeting held 21st instant.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 7, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings not already approved was dispensed with.

An application was received from John C. Dowling for permission to erect a temporary platform at foot of One Hundred and Fourth street, Harlem river, and being read and the Engineer-in-Chief recommending the granting of the permission,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to John C. Dowling to drive piles and erect a platform thereon at the foot of One Hundred and Fourth street, Harlem river, to be used for the landing of material necessary for the grading and regulating of One Hundred and Third street, between First and Fifth avenues, the said platform to be built under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief and to remain only during the pleasure of this Board.

An application was received from the New York and Hudson Transportation Company for permission to place a business office on the north side of Pier 35, North river, and being read and the President stating that he had granted the permission on the 6th instant, the office to remain only during the pleasure of the Board and the consent of the lessee of the said pier,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

An application was received from L. Aarons for permission to use one of the houses in the yard at new Pier 1, North river, for the selling of small stores to the Russian squadron, and being read and the applicant being heard in relation thereto,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of L. Aarons for permission to occupy one of the buildings on the premises at new Pier 1, North river, for the purpose of selling small stores to the Russian squadron, be and the same is hereby denied.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, requesting to be informed why the claim for arrears of taxes for 1876, due to the City of Hoboken, was not transmitted to the Finance Department for settlement previous to charges for interest and collector's fees being incurred thereon, and being read, and the Secretary reporting that by direction of the President the Comptroller had been advised on the 3d instant that the charges arose from delay in payment consequent upon the Commissioners trying to secure the cancellation of the taxes,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

A communication was received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting to be informed what action the Department has taken in relation to resolution adopted by that Board in February, 1875, directing that all cutting of stone required for the work of the Department be done in this city, and being read, and the President stating that he had advised the said Board in reply that the Department derived its power to carry on its work and enter into contracts by virtue of the laws of the State,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

The following communications were received, read and

On motion, laid on the table and action taken as stated.

From Lee Johnson—Application for permission to fill in north of Forty-ninth street, North river, under provisions of water-grant. Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine premises and report as to advisability of granting the permission.

From Lombard, Ayres & Co.—Application for permission to erect shed on Pier between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, North river. Applicants requested to advise whether they are owners or lessees of said pier and are engaged in business, in conformity with chapter 249, Laws of 1875.

The following communications were received, read and

On motion, placed on file.

Prom Gustave Schwab—Relating to statement of dredging, etc.

From R. J. Cortis, agent—Relating to damage to new Pier 46, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed for week ending March 3, 1877.

From Treasurer—Statement of receipts and disbursements for week ending March 6, 1877.

On motion, the application of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company for permission to lay tracks on new Pier 45, North river, now on the table, was laid over till Friday, the 9th instant, at 2½ o'clock P. M., and the Secretary directed to invite the Erie Railway Company and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company to be present at that time.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation to the dredging needed at the dumping-boards at foot of Twelfth and Thirty-seventh streets, North river, and being read,

On motion, the application of Police Department for the dredging of the slips at the above places was taken from the table, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to dredge at foot of Thirty-seventh street to the extent of 3,000 cubic yards, and at foot of Twelfth street to the extent of 700 cubic yards, but not to exceed the measurement stated in either case.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to invite the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company to confer with the Commissioners on Friday, 9th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M., in relation to the work of constructing the bulkhead wall in rear of Pier 48, North river.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting for general business), held March 9, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

A communication was received from H. J. Jewett, receiver of the Erie Railway Company, objecting to the granting of permission to the "White Star Line" to lay tracks for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company's freight cars on new Pier 45, North river, and advising his inability to be present at this meeting, and being read,

On motion, the communication was laid on the table, and the further consideration of the subject postponed until the 14th instant.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, for the uses and purposes of the Department, about 288 sticks spruce timber and 17,000 feet spruce plank, as per requisition No. 1346 of the Engineer-in-Chief, made this date, at a price not to exceed $19 per M feet, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of opening proposals for furnishing 5,000 barrels fresh burnt Portland cement), held March 14, 1877.

Present—President Wales, Commissioner Westervelt, and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Four proposals were received for furnishing 5,000 barrels of fresh burnt Portland cement, as follows, to wit:

No. 1. Johnson & Wilson, at $2.83 per barrel.

No. 2. S. L. Merchant & Co., at $3.07 per barrel.

No. 3. Keiller & Moore, at $3:24 per barrel.

No. 4. Howard Fleming, at $3.24 per barrel

—and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 14, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings not already approved was

On motion, dispensed with.

An application was received from Phelps Bros. & Co. for permission to erect a shed on Pier 40, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Phelps Bros. & Co., agents of Mediterranean Line of steamships, to erect and maintain on Pier 40, East river, when possession thereof shall be obtained, under lease purchased at public sale on 12th instant, or otherwise, a shed and other structures for the protection of property received and discharged thereat; the said shed, etc., to be about 325 feet by 40 feet, and to be constructed subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249 of the Laws of 1875, and in accordance with the directions of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and to be removed when so ordered by this Board or its successor, free of all claim of any kind whatsoever against the Corporation.

On motion, the communication received from the Captain of the Port relating to the use of said Pier 40, heretofore received at meeting held 14th ultimo, was taken from the table and placed on file.

A communication was received from Thomas J. Madge, lessee of easterly half of Pier 18, East river, to have the mooring pile damaged consequent upon the gale of the 9th instant repaired by the Department, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Thomas J. Madge, lessee, be and he is hereby informed and notified that the mooring post damaged on the 15th instant on Pier 18, East river, must be put in good condition and repaired at his cost and expense, the terms of the lease under which he occupies the easterly half of said pier requiring the lessee to make all repairs thereto.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief on condition of the bulkhead between Piers 40 and 41, East river, and recommending certain repairs thereto, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to make the necessary repairs, at an expense of about $160, by using old material as proposed.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief that certain repairs, costing about $170, were required on the northerly side of Pier 34 (old number), North river, and that by direction of the President the work was now being done, and being read,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief to the effect that the agent of the "White Star Line" declined to repair the mooring post on new Pier 46, North river, as directed by resolution of the Board adopted on the 21st ultimo, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to call the attention of the "White Star Line" to the said resolution, and request that the said mooring post be placed in good condition and repair without further delay.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief stating that the Pier at Sixteenth street, North river, required repairs, and estimating the cost thereof at about $421.65, and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to do the work without delay, and also to examine the depth of water alongside the said pier and report as to the dredging, if any, necessary to be done and the cost of doing the same.

A communication was received from the Comptroller advising that Johnson & Wilson are not in arrears or default to the Corporation, and being read,

On motion, the proposals received this date for furnishing cement were taken from the table and placed on file and the following resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That the contract for furnishing 5,000 barrels of fresh burnt Portland cement be and the same is hereby awarded to Johnson & Wilson, of No. 96 Liberty street, their bid being the lowest under the proposals publicly opened March 14, 1877, and the Comptroller having advised that they are not in default or arrears to the Corporation,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare in proper form the necessary contract for the above award, and that the officers of the Board be and they are hereby empowered to execute the same.

A communication was received from F. W. J. Hurst, manager National Steamship Company, asking that slip on south side of Pier 44, North river, be dredged, it having been used during the winter months by the Police Department for dumping ice and dirt, and being read, and the President stating that he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report as to the necessity of such dredging and the cost of doing the work,

On motion, the communication was laid on the table and the action of the President approved.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that a yard for the making of beton blocks be established on the bulkhead between Piers 57 and 58, North river, in place of the space now occupied for that purpose at new Pier 1, North river, and which will have to be surrendered upon the leasing that pier as now contemplated, on May 1st, proximo, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That application be and the same is hereby made to the Department of Public Works for permission to erect a wooden fence along the centre of Thirteenth avenue, extending from the southerly side of the Pier north of Bloomfield street southerly to the southerly

side of the Pier north of Bogart street, so as to enclose the westerly space, as a temporary yard for the uses and purposes of this Department; and also for permission to connect the same with the Department yard opposite on the easterly side of said Thirteenth avenue by a portable railway track, to facilitate the handling of cement and other materials used in the manufacture of beton blocks.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table, action directed to be taken as stated respectively, to wit:

From Lombard, Ayres & Co.—To erect shed on Pier between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, North river. Petitioners to call.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction—To have repairs made to Piers at Twenty-sixth street, East river, and on Blackwell's Island, etc. Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report repairs required.

From Stonington Steamboat Company—In relation to the continued occupancy of south side of Pier 34, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs to Pier at One Hundred and Sixth street, Harlem river. Referred to the President.

From Engineer-in-Chief—As to repairs to Pier 6, East river (easterly side). E. L. Donnelly, lessee, to call.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Finance Department—In relation to unpaid wharf rents, etc.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 10th instant.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In relation to condition of bulkhead at Thirty-second street, East river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—In relation to broken cornice on shed on new Pier 46, North river.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 13th instant.

The President presented the "Summons and Complaint" served upon the Commissioners this date in matter of action before the Supreme Court to recover damages from the City consequent upon building new bulkhead wall on North river, to wit:

Between Leroy and Clarkson streets—Woodbury G. Langdon and Cecilia L. Nottbeck, plaintiffs.

Between Clarkson and West Houston streets—Louisa D. Kane, Woodbury G. Langdon, Marian Langdon and Annie L. Langdon, plaintiffs.

Between West Houston and Charlton streets—Walter Langdon, Matthew Wilks and wife, and Matthew Wilks, plaintiffs; and

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit the papers to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request to take such necessary action as will fully protect the interests of the City in the premises.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of two bills, amounting to the sum of $7,057.38, for work done and materials furnished by John A. Bouker, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the same, together with a proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

A communication was received from H. J. Jewett, Receiver of Erie Railway Company, in relation to the laying of tracks for steam freight cars on new Pier 45, North river, and stating at length the objections of that Company to the granting of the necessary permission therefor to the "White Star Line," and being read, and the postponement of the further consideration of the subject being requested on behalf of a large number of property owners, by the representative of Mr. John McKeon,

On motion, the communication was laid on the table and the further consideration of the subject postponed until Saturday, the 17th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of receiving report of Auditing Committee for February), held March 16, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit, for the month of February, 1877, of twenty-three bills or claims, amounting to the sum of $6,498.47, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the same, together with proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (for the purpose of considering the application of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company for permission to lay tracks for steam freight cars on new Pier 45, North river), held March 17, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, Erie Railway Company, White Star Line, Chamber of Commerce, New York Cheap Transportation Association, New York Produce Exchange, Board of Trade, and other commercial bodies, and the Council of Political Reform, were all represented, as well as were several other mercantile interests.

The President stated that arguments would be heard in relation to the application of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company for permission to lay tracks on new Pier 45, North river, to connect with the Belt Railroad, for the purpose of enabling steam freight cars to discharge and receive produce and merchandise directly at the ship's side.

A remonstrance was then presented by Mr. John McKeon, signed by a large number of owners of property, truckmen and other parties engaged in business along the line of West street, protesting against any action by the Department tending to extend the privilege of

using that street for the transportation of freight in cars moved by steam power, which being read, was

On motion, received and placed on file.

Messrs. John McKeon, William W. Niles, A. B. Miller, Seth Low, Chauncey M. Depew and others addressed the meeting at length upon the subject of granting the permission applied for by the "White Star Line," and the authority of the Department to grant the application being questioned by Mr. McKeon and others,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to give in writing his opinion as to the right and power of the Department to grant the permission applied for, by virtue of the authority vested in it by section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 21, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings not already approved was

On motion, dispensed with.

An application was received from W. M. Bassett, agent Central Vermont Railroad and Steamer Line, for permission to drive spring piles at south side of Pier 36, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the owner or lessee of Pier 36, East river, to drive about 22 spring piles at the southerly side of said pier; provided the written consent of the owner of said premises shall be first filed in this office.

A communication was received from Phelps Bros. & Co., agreeing to the terms proposed by the President on the 16th instant for the occupation by them of Pier 40, East river, and one-half of bulkhead adjoining easterly side, and enclosing a check for the sum of $556.66 as rent therefor to May 1 next, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Phelps Bros. & Co. to occupy, for commercial purposes only, from March 20 to May 1, 1877, Pier 40, East river, and one-half of bulkhead adjoining the easterly side thereof, they having paid to the Department as rent in advance the sum of $556.66, being at the rate of $5,010 per annum, the same as offered by them at public sale held 12th instant for lease of said premises for five years from May 1 next.

A petition was received from the residents of the east side, through Alderman Phillips, for a pier or dock at Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth or Seventy-sixth street, East river, and being read, it was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for examination and report as to the practicability of building a pier in vicinity of said streets.

An application was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company for the loan of three dredging scows, and being read and the President stating that he had granted the use of said scows for a few days upon the same terms as were approved by the Board on a previous application under date of August 9, 1876,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

A communication was received from the Knickerbocker Ice Company, complaining of the careless manner in which dumping was being done by the Police Department at foot of Twenty-first street, North river, and being read, and the President stating that he had on the 16th instant requested the Police Department to cause such immediate action to be had in the premises as shall abate the evil complained of and secure to the said company the enjoyment of their full rights as lessees of the adjacent Corporation property,

On motion, the action of the President was approved.

A communication was received from Joseph V. Brown on the condition of the slips adjacent to the Pier at foot of Twenty-third street, East river, claiming that the depth of water therein has been lessened by the dumping of snow and ice removed from the streets during the past winter by the Police Department, and requesting that the slips be dredged at the expense of the City, and being read, it was

On motion, referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report if dredging has been made necessary consequent upon the said dumping of snow and ice.

An application was received from the Receiver of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey for permission to erect a covered passageway extending from the ferry houses to the street along the northerly side of the ferry premises at foot of Clarkson street, North river, and being read, it was

On motion, laid on the table.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file, action having been taken where necessary, as stated, opposite each respectively, to wit:

From Samuel M. Gray, City Engineer, Providence, R. I.—Asking to be furnished with photographs, etc., of new improvements of water-front. Secretary directed to advise that Department has no knowledge of any such views being published.

From Davis Tillson, contractor—Asking if Department will receive load of granite under contract at once. Notified by Engineer-in-Chief that the granite will be received at any time.

From Comptroller—Relative to stone and sand furnished by Chas. A. Harrington in 1874 and 1875, being under contract or otherwise. Action of President in directing Secretary to advise facts of the case approved.

From Johnson & Wilson—Accepting award of contract for 5,000 barrels "Portland" cement, made on 14th instant.

From Comptroller—Asking abstract of amount of rent due from Daniel Tracy and David Tracy under leases for wharf property. Action of President in furnishing necessary information approved.

From Police Department—Relative to dumping done at foot of Twenty-first street, North river.

From De Witt Webb, Assemblyman—Asking date when sheds were erected by Erie Railway Company and New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company on Piers 4, 5 and 8, East river. Action of President in furnishing information approved.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during the week ending 17th instant.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 20th instant.

From Comptroller—Advising approval of sureties to proposal of Johnson & Wilson for furnishing 5,000 barrels "Portland" cement.

From National Steamship Company—Asking Department to dredge southerly side of Pier 44, North river. Action of President in directing Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report as to necessity for such dredging approved.

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for about 600 spruce piles, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, all the Commissioners voting in the affirmative on its adoption:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase for the uses and purposes of the Department about 600 spruce piles, as required by requisition of Engineer-in-Chief, No. 1356, at a price not to exceed $7.50 per pile, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion of the President, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Joseph T. Kelly, temporary clerk, be and he is hereby designated from and after this date as Assistant Bookkeeper, with authority to perform all the duties of the Bookkeeper in the absence of that officer from sickness or other cause.

On motion, the petition of the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company for an additional slip north of the Grand Street Ferry, East river, was taken from the table and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York and Brooklyn Ferry company to drive piles and to construct such platforms, bridges, racks, ferry houses and other structures as may be necessary to establish a ferry slip and landing at the bulkhead adjoining the westerly side of Pier 56, East river, with the privilege of making from time to time all needful repairs and of dredging the slip when required; provided that the said company shall first and within ten days after receipt of this notice file in this office its written agreement to pay to this Department, during the balance of the term of the franchise for such ferry awarded to said Company on May 2, 1874, and expiring May 1, 1879, the sum of $25 per annum, payable annually in advance, from May 1, 1877, as rent for the land under water to be covered by the said improvements; to erect the ferry houses and other structures in conformity with the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, and to make all said improvements under the supervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department; and that it is understood and agreed that the permission hereby granted shall not be considered or construed as vesting in the said company, or in the owner or owners of the said bulkhead, any other right or title to or in the said premises to be improved than they may now be legally possessed of by virtue of a certain water grant made by the Mayor, etc., to John Gardner, under date of August 1, 1809, recorded in the Comptroller's Office, Book F, page 18, and that

in case the City shall at any time require for its own use any or all of the said premises, that the said ferry structures and improvements will be removed by said company without claim of any kind whatsoever against the City consequent upon such removal.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief relative to the rates of pay for Captains and Engineers of pile-drivers, and being read,

On motion, his communication upon the same subject, dated 6th February ultimo, was taken from the table and the following resolution unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That on and after the 1st April, 1877, the rate of pay of Captains of pile-drivers employed in this Department be and hereby is fixed at 37½ cents per hour, and the rate of pay of Engineers of pile-drivers employed in this Department be and hereby is fixed at 35 cents per hour, the said Engineers to work at least eight hours upon every working day when their pile-drivers are in commission.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to notify George Caulfield that the Board has under consideration for audit certain claims or bills in the name of J. C. Jacobs for fresh water furnished by boat to the floating property belonging to the Department during certain periods in 1873 and 1874, under a claimed contract, which appears to have been assigned May 1, 1875, by James T. Turner to James T. Husted, who executed on October 1, 1876, a power of attorney to said Jacobs to collect all claims thereunder, and to request said Caulfield to inform the Board in writing whether he has any claim against the said bills or under the assignments as stated above.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting for general business), held March 23, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

A report was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the filling in of the premises north of the foot of Forty-ninth street, North river, recommending that the work be permitted to proceed and being read,

On motion, the application of Lee Johnson for permission to do such filling in was

Taken from the table and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the owners of the property adjacent to the north side of the foot of Forty-ninth street, North river, to fill in with stone filling only in front of said premises, provided the said filling shall not extend beyond 90 feet west of the westerly line of Twelfth avenue, nor southerly of the northerly line of said Forty-ninth street, and that the work be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and it is understood and agreed that the granting of this permission shall not be considered or construed as vesting in said owners any other right or title than they may now be legally possessed of by virtue of a certain water grant made by the Mayor, etc., to Bradish Johnson, under date of June 4, 1849.

An application was received from Wheeler Powell, agent of New York and Hudson Transportation Company, for permission to erect a small shed on the inner end of north side

of Pier 35, North river, and being read, and the Engineer-in-Chief having endorsed thereon his recommendation that the permission be granted,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the New York and Hudson Transportation Company to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a shed about 22 feet by 10 feet on the inner end of the northerly side of Pier 35, North river, for the protection of property received and discharged thereat, to be constructed subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249, Laws of 1875, and in accordance with the directions of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, advising that he had received definite information that it would not be possible for the Grahamite and Trinidad Asphalt Company to cover the surface of new Pier 1, North river, with their pavement at present, owing to their many engagements elsewhere, and recommending that a sheathing of spruce plank be put on by the force of the Department, so that the pier may be ready for occupation on May 1 next; and being read,

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to proceed with the work as recommended without delay.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting relative to leases held by David and John D. Tracy), held March 27, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, David Tracy, lessee, having failed to pay the rent of the following piers and bulkheads, to wit:

On North river—

Pier at foot of Twenty-sixth street.

Pier at foot of Thirtieth street.

Pier at foot of Thirty-fourth street.

Pier at foot of Thirty-fifth street.

Pier at foot of Fortieth street.

Pier at foot of Forty-sixth street.

Pier at foot of Fifty-seventh street.

On East river—

West half of Pier 12, etc.

East half of Pier 51.

Bulkhead between Piers 51 and 52.

West half of Pier 52.

On East river—

East half of Pier 53.

Bulkhead along Rivington street.

Pier at foot of Third street.

Pier at foot of Twenty-fifth street.

Pier at foot of Thirty-third street.

Pier at foot of Thirty-seventh street ; and

Whereas, John D. Tracy, lessee, having failed to pay the rent of

Pier 60, foot of Rivington street, East river ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the terms of the leases thereof, "the grant heretofore made has become utterly null and void," and that they are forbidden, from and after this date, to collect wharfage for the use of said piers and bulkheads.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to notify the Superintendents of Docks to collect all wharfage accruing at said piers and bulkheads from and after the date of service of the above notice upon said lessees, respectively.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held March 28, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings not already approved was

On motion, dispensed with.

An application was received from Phelps Bros. & Co. for permission to erect a platform on the easterly side of Pier 40, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Phelps Bros. & Co. to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of the Board, a triangular platform at the intersection of the easterly side of Pier 40, East river, with the bulkhead extending a distance of 10 feet thereon and 10 feet on said easterly side, with the privilege of erecting on said platform and on the bulkhead in front thereof a shed or covering, to be used for office purposes, but not to extend northerly beyond the line of bulkhead on the westerly side of said pier; the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation to the damage done to the Department Scow "B" on the 25th instant by the White Star Line steamer "Adriatic," and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company be and are hereby notified that the Engineer-in-Chief will deliver Department Scow "B" upon presentation of the written order of the company therefor for the purpose of enabling the Company to repair the damage caused by being struck by steamer "Adriatic" on the 25th instant, the repairs to be made

to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief, and the scow to be taken from her present moorings at new Pier 1, North river, and returned thereto free of expense or cost to the Corporation.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending the sale of certain old material, consisting of empty cement barrels, wrought and cast iron, rope, ends of dock piles, etc., and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to arrange with Bernard Smythe, auctioneer, for the sale of said old material, at public auction, at the earliest practicable date, upon the terms heretofore adopted by this Board, and to advertise the said sale in the several newspapers, as required by law.

A communication was received from F. W. J. Hurst, manager, in relation to dredging the slip at the southerly side of Pier 44, North river, claimed to be necessary consequent upon the large quantity of snow and ice dumped in the slip during the past winter, and being read,

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Counsel to the Corporation to advise, in writing, as to the liability of the Corporation for the damage, if any, resulting from such dumping or from dirt, ashes or other solid material having been deposited by being mixed in the snow and ice ; and as to whether this Department has the right and is bound or compelled by law to expend any portion of the proceeds received from the sale of Dock Bonds issued for the purposes of the Department for the cost of dredging made necessary by such dumping of snow and ice removed from the streets of the city.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table to await action, as stated opposite each, respectively, to wit :

From Popham & Co.—For permission to erect derricks on bulkhead between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, East river. Referred to Commissioner Westervelt.

From Finance Department—Asking if issuing of water grant between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, East river, will interfere with the plans of the Department. The Commissioners to visit the premises.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file, action having been taken where necessary, as stated opposite each, respectively, to wit :

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report as to cost of extension of Pier 49, North river.

From Finance Department—Relative to suits commenced against the City by the heirs of John Jacob Astor and others for value of lands and damages aggregating $418,500, for property taken in constructing the bulkhead wall between King and Leroy streets, North river. The action of the President in advising that the matter had been placed on the 14th instant in the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation for proper defense approved.

From Arkell, Tufts & Co.—Relative to double claim for wharfage due at Pier at Thirty-third street, East river.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 27th instant.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 24th instant.

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for spruce plank, and being read,

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, all the Commissioners voting in the affirmative on its adoption:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, for the uses and purposes of the Department, about 140,400 feet B. M. four-inch spruce plank, as required by requisition of the Engineer-in-Chief No. 1360, at a price not to exceed $17.50 per M feet, the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (weekly meeting, postponed from April 4, 1877), held April 5, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings not already approved was

On motion, dispensed with.

A communication was received from the New York and Long Island Coignet Stone Company, offering to furnish the Department with beton blocks, etc., manufactured upon the Company's method, at prices claimed to be lower than now paid by the Department for similar material, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the offer of the New York and Long Island Coignet Stone Company to furnish the Department with a material equal or superior to the beton now used in the construction of the bulkhead wall, at $12 per cubic yard, be and the same is hereby referred to the Engineer-in-Chief, with directions to examine into the method of manufacturing the material proposed by said company, and report as to the practicability and advisability of accepting the company's offer for the uses and purposes of the Department in its work of permanent improvement along the water-front.

The following communications were received, read and

On motion, laid on the table to await action, as stated opposite each, respectively, to wit:

From James A. de Peyster, asking consent to issue of water-grant by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets, Harlem river. Referred to Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report.

From J. J. Yates—Application for permission to fill in between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, North river. Referred to Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report.

From Knickerbocker Ice Company—Application for dredging at bulkhead between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, North river. Referred to Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report quantity of material required to be dredged.

From Police Depart nent—Application for dredging at foot of Laight street, North river. Referred to Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report quantity of material necessary to be dredged.

From Metropolitan Steamship Company (oral)--Application for permission to maintain sheds, etc., on Piers 10 and 11, etc., North river.

From C. H. Mallory & Co.--Relative to bad condition of Pier 20, East river, at outer end. Referred to Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report as to repairs necessary and cost of same.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file.

From Department of Public Charities and Correction--Requesting repairs to Pier at Twenty-sixth street, East river. (See meeting March 14, 1877.)

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 31st ultimo.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 3d instant.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting relative to leases held by David Tracy and J. D. Tracy), held April 10, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, relating to City repossessing the wharf property now subject to lease to David Tracy, and advising that upon being so instructed he will commence legal proceedings to terminate said Tracy's tenancy, and being read,

On motion, the President was requested to have a list of the wharf property leased to David Tracy and to John D. Tracy, showing the amount of rent for which they are delinquent under each lease, respectively, prepared and transmitted to the Counsel to the Corporation, with the request that legal proceedings to obtain possession of said wharf property for this Department be commenced with the least possible delay, in compliance with the suggestion contained in said communication.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting for general business), held April 11, 1877.

Present—The President and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit for Beard & Kimpland's bill or claim for piles, amounting to the sum of $4,867.50, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the same, together with the proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

The President stating that he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to do such dredging at the southerly side of Pier 44, North river, as may be needed by the National Steamship Company, the said company having agreed to pay the cost of doing the work,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

An application was received from Thomas Gaynor, lessee of Pier at Thirty-seventh street, North river, for dredging to be done thereat consequent upon the upsetting of a load of ashes, dirt, etc., from a scow belonging to the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and being read and the President stating that he had directed the Engineer-in-Chief to dredge the northerly side and end of said pier to extent of four scow loads,

On motion, the action of the President was confirmed.

The Secretary reporting that no action was taken on the 5th instant upon the application of the Metropolitan Steamship Company for authority to maintain sheds upon Piers 10 and 11, North river,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Metropolitan Steamship Company to erect and maintain on Piers 10 and 11, North river, and on bulkhead between, sheds and other structures for the protection of property received and discharged thereat, in accordance with plans on file in this Department.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 18, 1877.

Present—The President and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The minutes of the meetings held February 23 and 28, and March 7, 9, and 14, 1877, were read and approved.

An application was received from Murray, Ferris & Co. for permission to maintain shed on Pier 16, East river, recently removed to facilitate the repairing of the pier, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Murray, Ferris & Co. to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of the Board, a shed on Pier 16, East river, for the protection of property received and discharged thereat, it having been recently partially removed in order to make necessary repairs to said pier, the shed to be constructed subject to the regulations of the Superintendent of Buildings, as required by chapter 249, Laws of 1875, and in accordance with the directions of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

An application was received from James P. Minster for lease of bulkhead at the end of Second avenue, Harlem river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of James P. Minster for a lease of bulkhead at end of Second avenue, Harlem river, for a term of five or ten years, with the privilege of extending

said bulkhead a distance of about 12 feet, be and the same is hereby denied, the Department not being empowered to make such leases otherwise than by sale at public auction, and the extending of the bulkhead as proposed would render the adjacent wharf property less serviceable unless likewise extended; but the applicant is informed that an application to occupy said bulkhead in its present condition, during the pleasure of the Board, will have prompt consideration.

An application was received from Thos. C. Townsend for permission to insert a drain pipe in bulkhead between Piers 16 and 17, East river, and being read, and the owners of the property having filed their written consent thereto,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to insert a 6-inch drain pipe in the bulkhead between Piers 16 and 17, East river, to connect with building No. 67 South street, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and the pipe to remain only during the pleasure of this Board or its successor.

An application was received from Albert V. Nolen for lease of bulkhead at foot of Fifty-first street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Albert V. Nolen to occupy, for commercial purposes only, during the pleasure of the Board, the bulkhead at the foot of Fifty-first street, East river; provided that he shall pay to this Department as rent therefor the sum of fifty dollars per annum, payable annually in advance, from May 1, 1877.

A communication was received from Johnson & Wilson, contractors for furnishing 5,000 barrels "Portland" cement, requesting consent to the assignment of the first payment due under their contract, dated March 24, 1877, to the Chatham National Bank, and being read, and the Secretary stating that the Commissioners had endorsed on the 13th instant on the contract their written consent to such assignment,

On motion, the action of the Commissioners was confirmed and the Secretary directed to place the assignment since received on file with the contract.

An application was received from Charles H. Longstreet, Superintendent of Morrisania Steamboat Company, for leases of the outer end of Pier at Grand street, outer end of Pier at Twenty-third street and bulkhead at Forty-ninth street, East river, for term of five years from May 1, 1877, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of the Morrisania Steamboat Company for leases of the outer end of Pier 55 and of Pier at foot of Twenty-third street and bulkhead at foot of Forty-ninth street, East river, for the term of five years from May 1, 1877, be and the same is hereby denied, the Department not being empowered to make such leases otherwise than by sale at public auction.

The lease for the southerly half of Pier 29, North river, issued to Marshall O. Roberts, dated January 18, 1870, and expiring February 1, 1880, was presented for the consent of the

Board to the transfer and assignment of the same to the Providence and Stonington Steamship Company, and

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they are hereby empowered to endorse on said lease the consent of this Board to such transfer and assignment.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table to await action, as stated opposite each, respectively, to wit:

From Charles Devlin—Relating to paving stones landed on Pier at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, leased to Stephen Roberts. Referred to the President for examination.

From Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company—Relating to rent of premises at Pier 48, North river. Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report.

From Hoboken Land and Improvement Company—Application to have space in front of ferry premises at Christopher street, North river, paved.

From Oceanic Steam Navigation Company—Application to have dredging done between Piers 46 and 47, North river. Referred to Engineer-in-Chief for survey and report as to quantity of dredging required.

From Twenty-third Street Railroad Company—Application to erect platform at bulkhead betwen Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, North river.

From S. F. Shortland & Bro.—Application for permission to remove small pier between Piers 35 and 36, East river, and to extend bulkhead.

From Schmitt & Koehne—Application to erect bulkhead between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, East river. Referred to Commissioner Westervelt.

From Comptroller Kelly—Requesting that the rent for wharf property occupied by certain ferries for which franchises are to be leased, be furnished to him.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file, action having been taken where necessary, as stated opposite each, respectively, to wit:

From T. Wilbur Burd—Relative to removal of stone from bulkhead at One Hundred and Thirteenth street, Harlem river. Premises examined by Superintendent Butler, who reported that no stone was being removed.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 10th instant.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 17th instant.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 7th instant.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report of work performed during week ending 14th instant.

From Henry W. Johnson, Harbor Master—Requesting removal of buoys outside of end of new Pier 1, North river. Directions for removal of buoys previously given.

On motion of the President, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby respectfully directed to commence proceedings at once against John D. Tracy, of No. 329 West Ninety-second

street, to recover the sum of $991.19, being the amount of rent due this Department for the use and occupation by him of the Pier at foot of Rivington street, East river, from August 1, 1876, until March 1, 1877 (upon which date the Department repossessed the premises), at the rate of $1,505 per annum, being the sum bid by him for the lease of said pier at public sale held March 7, 1876, but which lease was not executed.

At the request of the Commissioners, Mr. Levi Kerr, assignee of the lease of the Pier at Ninety-sixth street, North river, appeared for a conference in relation to the occupancy thereof, and being heard,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to accept the sum of $500 in full settlement of all claims for rent of Pier at Ninety-sixth street, North river, due to the 1st May, 1877, from Levi Kerr, assignee of lease.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to request the Engineer-in-Chief to prepare plans and estimate of cost of extending the said Pier at Ninety-sixth street, North river, 100 feet westerly and widening the entire pier to a width of 100 feet.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting to receive report of Auditing Committee), held April 19, 1877.

Present—The President and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit of two bills or claims, amounting to the sum of $5,440, and being read, was

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the same, together with proper requisition for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting in reference to duties of Superintendent of Masonry), held April 20, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

The President presented a communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, in relation to the appointment of the Superintendent of Masonry, under resolution of the Board adopted July 30, 1875, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in the resolution adopted July 30, 1875, appointing Thomas Murphy Superintendent of Masonry, the words "and placed in charge, under the direction of the

Engineer-in-Chief, of all masonry works of the Department," be and hereby are changed and altered to read, "and placed in charge, under the direction of the Engineer-in-Chief, of such masonry work of the Department as the Engineer-in-Chief shall direct."

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting for the purpose of opening proposals for furnishing small cobble, rip-rap and broken stone and sand), held April 23, 1877.

Present—President Wales, Commissioner Westervelt and the Comptroller of the City.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

Twelve proposals were received for furnishing small cobble, rip-rap and broken stone and sand, being ten bids for class 1, consisting of small cobble and rip stone; six bids for class 2, consisting of broken stone, and nine bids for class 3, consisting of sand, as follows, to wit:

For Class 1, ten bids—	Small Cobble per cubic yard.	Rip-rap per cubic yard.
No. 1. H. H. Brown	$0 90	$0 60
" 2. John B. Devlin	....	69
" 5. Michael Ryan	....	57
" 6. James Slattery and Montgomery A. Kellogg	1 10	1 00
" 7. John A. Bouker	75	50
" 8. Charles A. Harrington	97	85
" 9. Owen J. Mimnaugh	70	57
" 10. Casper N. Lawson	95	70
" 11. John M. C. Scully	85	68
" 12. Francis H. Smith	79	74

For Class 2, six bids	Broken Stone.
No. 2. John B. Devlin	$2 60 per cubic yard.
" 6. James Slattery and Montgomery A. Kellogg	2 35 "
" 7. John A. Bouker	2 15 "
" 8. Charles A. Harrington	1 89 "
" 9. Owen J. Mimnaugh	2 00 "
" 10. Casper N. Lawson	2 25 "

For Class 3, nine bids—	Sand.
No. 2. John B. Devlin	$1 00 per cubic yard.
" 3. Thomas Culkin	75 "
" 4. Patrick Brady	79 "
" 5. Michael Ryan	58 "
" 6. James Slattery and Montgomery A. Kellogg	85 "
" 7. John A. Bouker	70 "
" 9. Owen J. Mimnaugh	69 "
" 10. Casper N. Lawson	85 "
" 12. Francis H. Smith	59 "

—and being read, were

On motion, laid on the table for examination.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks (special meeting to receive reports of Auditing Committee), held April 24, 1877.

Present—The President and Commissioner Westervelt.

Absent—Commissioner Dimock.

The Auditing Committee presented an audit for the month of March, 1877, of fifty-nine bills or claims, amounting to the sum of $11,422.45, and also an audit of two bills or claims, amounting to the sum of $2,196.60, and being read, the audits were

On motion, accepted and adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the same, together with the proper requisitions for the amount, to the Finance Department for payment.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 25, 1877.

Present—The President and Commissioner Westervelt.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings not already approved, was

On motion, dispensed with.

A communication was received from the Fire Department, asking for permission to store telegraph poles at Sixteenth street, East river, and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Fire Department to temporarily store a lot of telegraph poles in the yard of this Department at foot of Seventeenth street, East river.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table to await action, as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From A. I. Van Alen--Application to occupy part of Pier at Third street, East river, for landing ice, with privilege to erect platform and scales. Secretary directed to consult Counsel to the Corporation, said pier being leased to David Tracy.

From Joseph McDonnald & Co.—Relative to repairs to Pier at Twenty-eighth street, North river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine premises and report repairs necessary and cost of doing work.

From William Menzies—Application for permission to fill in between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, North river. Secretary directed to examine title to land under water.

From Charles L. Wright & Co.—Relative to dredging required at new Pier 46, North river.

From George Ticknor Curtis—Relative to fixing of the rents for wharf property occupied by the Union Ferry Company, in event of new lease being agreed upon, as result of case now before the Supreme Court.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report as to granting application of J. J. Yates to fill in between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, North river.

Report as to dredging necessary at Pier at Sixteenth street, North river.

Report as to repairs and cost required on Pier 20, East river.

From Jas. S. Dixon—Application to insert drain-pipe in bulkhead between Piers 57 and 58, East river. Notified to furnish further particulars.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, placed on file, action having been taken where necessary, as stated opposite each respectively, to wit:

From Police Department—Relative to bad condition of Piers at Bethune and Eleventh streets, North river. Lessees notified to make necessary repairs without delay.

From Counsel to the Corporation—Opinion in matter of request of National Steamship Company to dredge at southerly side of Pier 44, North river.

From John W. Lewis—Protesting against filling-in to the new bulkhead line between Leroy and Morton streets, North river.

From Engineer-in-Chief—Report as to work performed during week ending April 21, 1877.

Report as to repairing north side and end of Pier 62, East river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to proceed with the work at once.

Report as to repairing bulkhead at Second avenue, Harlem river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to proceed with the work at once.

Report as to repairing Pier at Twenty-sixth street, East river, and docks on Blackwell's, Ward's and Randall's Islands. Engineer-in-Chief directed to proceed with the work at once.

Report as to dredging necessary at Pier at Twenty-third street, East river. Engineer-in-Chief directed to do the work.

From Treasurer—Report of receipts and disbursements for week ending 24th instant.

From Finance Department—Advising that John A. Bouker, Charles A. Harrington and Michael Ryan are not in default to the Corporation.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 27, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

On motion of the President, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 18th instant, whereby permission was granted to Albert V. Nolen to occupy, during the pleasure of the Board, the bulkhead at foot of Fifty-first street, East river, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to refund any money which may have been paid to the Department as rent thereunder.

The application of J. J. Yates to fill-in between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, North river, together with the report of the Engineer-in-Chief in relation thereto, were

On motion, taken from the table and placed on file, and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the application of J. J. Yates, for permission to fill-in with stone the premises south of the centre line of West Fifty-eighth street and east of Twelfth avenue, North river, be and the same is hereby denied.

Commissioner Westervelt having stated that he would recommend the granting permission to Schmitt & Koehne to improve the water-front between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, East river, under application referred to him on the 18th instant,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Schmitt & Koehne to erect and maintain, during the pleasure of this Board, a bulkhead in front of property claimed to be owned by them, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, East river; provided, that the sum of $50 per annum shall be paid to this Department annually, in advance, as rent for the land under water to be covered by said structure; and that the said bulkhead, to be 40 feet in length and extending 30 feet easterly, shall be built and constructed under the supervision and direction of the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department.

The application of the Knickerbocker Ice Company to have slip between Piers at Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, North river, dredged by the Department, was

On motion, taken from the table and the following resolution adopted :

Resolved, That the application of the Knickerbocker Ice Company to have the slip adjacent to and north of Pier at foot of Twentieth street, North river, dredged to a proper depth, be and the same is hereby denied, the Counsel to the Corporation having advised that the Department has not the right to expend any portion of the proceeds of Dock Bonds for doing such work.

A communication was received from F. W. J. Hurst, manager of the National Line of steamships, formally accepting the terms of the lease of new Pier 39, North river, set forth in resolutions adopted by the Board on April 26 and May 3, 1876, and being read, was

On motion, placed on file.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to dredge alongside the Pier at Sixteenth street, North river, in order to secure a proper depth of water, but not to exceed 3,500 cubic yards.

On motion, the Engineer-in-Chief was directed to dredge at the northerly side of Pier at Thirty-seventh street, North river, but not to exceed 2,000 cubic yards.

On motion of the President,

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and he is hereby notified that the rates of pay or wages for the following employees of the Department are adopted and established, in compliance with his recommendation, to take effect from and after 12th proximo, not included, to wit :

For Stone-cutters, employed on jobbing work or trimming..... at 35 cents per hour.
For Foreman of Dock-builders..... at 35 "

For Dock-builders ..... at 25 cents per hour.
For Foreman of Laborers ..... at 35 "
For John K. Murphy, Copyist..... at $2 per day.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held April 28, 1877.

Present—the full Board.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, stating that there were no funds at the credit of the Department by the records of the Finance Department, and requesting that necessary action be taken for a further issue of "Dock Bonds," and being read,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, pursuant to the authority vested in them by subdivision 11, of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to direct the Comptroller of the City of New York to prepare and issue "Dock Bonds of the City of New York," for the amount of ($100,000) one hundred thousand dollars, for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

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